

## **STOKENCHURCH PARISH COUNCIL -Burial Ground Regulations**

The Parish Council maintains both the cemetery at the rear of the Parish Church of St. Peter and St. Paul and the now closed cemetery in Marlow Road.

Burial plots are only available to parishioners on the electoral roll, or their children, or former parish residents within the last ten years who have moved into care on payment of the appropriate charges. Evidence of residency and dates of residency will be required. Former parishioners who have already acquired burial rights to a double grave will remain eligible. Due to limited space the former residents of ten years or more, no longer qualify for burial, or interment.

No pre-purchase or reservation of plots is permitted. All memorials must be approved by the Parish Council. Burial and cremation plots are purchased for 99 years.

Charges are For the Parish Church Yard:

Burial plot (parishioner) £279  
Burial plot (former parishioner) £530  
Child burial plot F.O.C  
Re-opening £175  
Headstone £121  
Additional inscription £37

For cremations refer to the church:

Cremation marker £84  
Cremation plot\* £106  
Children F.O.C

\*Cremation plots are only available to parish or former parish residents. Due to limited space the former residents of ten years or more, no longer qualify for burial, or interment.

Other memorials may be allowed but only after approval by the Parish Council. Please contact the Clerk (01494 482403) for more information and for a full copy of the cemetery regulations.

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- All applications for the interments, memorials, curbs, inscriptions and headstones including shape and size must be made to the Clerk of the Council at Longburrow Hall. This will usually be done by the undertakers or monumental masons on your behalf.
- Additional interments within an existing plot carry a fee.
- The Council reserves the right to remove any unsafe memorial at any time, following a health and safety risk assessment.
- Headstone should be of natural stone or similar and no more than 4ft high. A concrete beam is installed to allow immediate erection of a headstone. (For further guidance please refer to Diocese of Oxford Churchyard Regulations 2016 which the Parish Council use as a guideline). Available in Longburrow hall office.
- No grave monument slabs of any material or any size are permitted in this grave yard.
- The council accepts no liability for damage to graves, or memorials unless caused by registered contractors.
- The maintenance and safety of memorials remains the proprietor's (purchaser's) responsibility and any change of address should be advised to the Clerk.
- Stone, wood or plastic chippings are not permitted.
- Planting is permitted, together with pots and vases, but not trees or shrubs that can impede maintenance.
- Food, or drink items may not be left on burial plots or in the churchyard.
- Please remove dead flowers and place them in the bin provided.
- A water tap is situation near the end of Longburrow Hall adjacent to the car park. Please do not leave empty plastic containers, or similar, in the cemetery.
- Please use the large car park at Longburrow and do not drive onto the grass, or block the access.

Compliance with these rules will enable the Council to continue to provide an attractive and suitable resting place for the departed and a pleasant reflective spot for the living.

Dated 31/1/2017