

TATWORTH AND FORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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CEMETERY POLICIES: Reviewed 2019

THE DEED OF GRANT

The Deed of Grant gives ownership of the exclusive rights of burial in a grave or ashes plot but not ownership of the land itself. This right is for a limited period, currently one hundred years, but this period may change for plots in the future. Families owning the exclusive rights to a plot may place items on their grave only in accordance with the policies below. It is not permitted to place any items in any other areas of the cemetery.

MAINTENANCE OF CEMETERY

The Tatworth and Forton Parish Council will undertake the care and maintenance of the cemetery, including the grass cutting except where plots contain vases and other items which prevent the use of machinery. Grass cutting on these plots is the responsibility of the holder of the "exclusive rights" of burial.

MAINTENANCE OF MEMORIALS

If memorials require attention, due to subsidence or other problems, it is the responsibility of the person who holds the 'exclusive rights' to a grave plot to arrange maintenance with an approved memorial mason. The Parish Council will inform people if their memorial is unstable but reserves the right to take corrective action where this is not possible.

MAINTENANCE OF GRAVES

Tatworth and Forton Parish Council and its contractor take great pride in the excellent maintenance of Tatworth Cemetery. Please help to keep up this high standard by:

- Removing dead flowers, wire bases to wreaths etc. to keep your plot and the cemetery tidy.
- Remembering that it is your responsibility to keep the grass cut on the grave if additional movable vases or other items are placed there preventing mechanical cutting.
- Keeping all metal vases and other ornaments within the boundaries of your grave to enable cutting in between plots.
- Not using glassware such as vases or jars which present a serious danger to operatives using grass cutting machinery. Glassware is not allowed in the cemetery
- Removing all paper and plastic wrappings and disposing of them in the bins provided before placing flowers and plants on graves. This prevents them blowing about causing litter and also reduces the danger of ingestion by livestock in neighbouring fields.
- Not leaving edible items of any kind in the cemetery as these might encourage vermin.

SUNKEN GRAVES

The Contractor will correct graves that have sunk in the first two years. After that, the Council will contact the person who holds the 'exclusive rights' of a grave plot to arrange correction.

SCATTERING OF ASHES

The Council does not allow the scattering of ashes on grave plots or on other areas in the cemetery

LIGHTING ON GRAVES

Please note that the Council does not allow any lighting, including solar light, on graves.

PLANTING IN THE CEMETERY

The family of the deceased may plant small or flowering plants (full grown height a maximum of 12 inches/30 cms) on the grave plot only. Please keep all planting in good order. Planting in other areas is not permitted.

GRAVE DIGGING

Graves are only dug by our preferred grave digger. Please contact the Parish Council for details.

VEHICLES IN THE CEMETERY

Please will all visitors to the cemetery use the car park provided. The Council can only allow the following vehicles in the cemetery: maintenance, memorial masons, the gravedigger and funeral directors. However, the Council may allow infirm persons or those holding a disabled badge to drive into the cemetery.

Please request written permission from the Council at the above address and carry the permission with you when you visit the cemetery. It is not possible to drive into the cemetery when interments are taking place.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION

For any enquiry please contact the Council on the above number