

# Rules for Fenny Compton Burial Ground

## 1. The Burial Ground

- 1.1 Fenny Compton Burial Ground (“the Burial Ground”) is solely the property and responsibility of Fenny Compton Parish Council (“the Parish Council”), and not of any church authority.
- 1.2 No new grave is permitted in the churchyard. Burials of a spouse or next of kin may, however, still take place in an existing double depth grave in the churchyard.
- 1.3 Interment of cremated remains will, by arrangement with the Incumbent, still take place in the churchyard, either in the area set aside for such interment, or in an existing family grave.
- 1.4 No grave may be re-opened for a burial if any interment of cremated remains has taken place in that grave. Such a grave may only be re-opened for the interment of further cremated remains.

## 2. Right of Burial

- 2.1 The following persons have the right of burial in the Burial Ground:
  - 2.1.1 residents of the Civil Parish of Fenny Compton
  - 2.1.2 any person who dies within the Civil Parish of Fenny Compton
- 2.2 The burial of any other person is at the discretion of the Parish Council, and a different scale of fees will apply to these burials (see below and attached). In any disagreement the decision of the Parish Council shall be final.
- 2.3 Despite 1.3 above, the interment of cremated remains in an existing grave in the Burial Ground is allowed in cases where the next of kin gives written approval.

## 3. Graves and Funerals

- 3.1 Permission should be sought from, certificates lodged with, and fees received by the Clerk to the Parish Council when a burial or interment of cremated remains within a grave in the Burial Ground is proposed. The Clerk will confirm whether or not the burial or interment of cremated remains in a grave may take place in the Burial Ground, and arrange for the grave site to be marked.
- 3.2 Graves must be dug to such a depth as to allow 3 ft (approx 900 mm) of earth over the top of the coffin. This means that a single depth grave must be at least 4 ft 6 in (approx 1250 mm) deep, and a double depth grave 6 ft (approx 1800 mm) deep, allowing 6 in between the coffins.
- 3.3 The digging of the grave and the safety of the prepared grave are the responsibility of the Funeral Director and the grave digger. The Parish Council will accept no responsibility for any accident caused in the digging of the grave, or as a result of the grave having been dug. Grave digger must receive a ‘Permit to Work’ from the Clerk before work commences.

- 3.4 The filling-in of the grave must take place immediately after the interment. On no account may a coffin be left unattended in an open grave. Any surplus soil must be deposited in the allocated area, which is on the plan of graves.
- 3.5 Wreaths and other floral tributes must be removed within four weeks of the date of the interment, otherwise they may be removed by the Parish Council.

#### **4. Memorials**

- 4.1 Nothing can be placed in the cemetery without the written consent of the Clerk to the Parish Council.
- 4.2 Memorials should be of either light natural English Stone (e.g. Hornton Stone or Portland Stone) or black granite, with a flower vase incorporated if desired. Inscriptions should be in black or gold lettering. The headstone should not be more than three feet three inches (1000 mm) high and two feet six inches (750 mm) wide. The sides of the headstone should be unpolished and without any writing. Alternatively a small vase of light natural English stone or black granite with inscriptions can be permanently fixed. Kerbstones are NOT allowed.
- 4.3 Inscriptions and memorials are to be of a nature commensurate with the dignity of the Burial Ground, and the sensitivity of others whose relatives are buried there. The wording of any inscription must be approved by the Clerk to the Parish Council before it is added to the memorial. In cases of doubt the Clerk to the Parish Council will refer the matter to the Parish Council, whose decision will be binding. Any inscription which is added to a memorial without the prior approval of the Clerk to the Parish Council, and which is deemed inappropriate by the Parish Council, shall be removed from the memorial at the expense of the family or Executors.
- 4.4 Memorials remain the property of the family and friends of the deceased. The Parish Council cannot accept any responsibility for their loss, damage or deterioration.
- 4.5 Permission will not be given for the planting of trees, shrubs or flowers on graves.
- 4.6 The Parish Council will not allow wind chimes, solar lights, movable statues or any other temporary objects to be placed at gravesides.

#### **5. The Plan**

- 5.1 A plan of the burial ground will be maintained by the Clerk to the Parish Council.
- 5.2 Graves will be allocated in turn as the need occurs. There will be no facility to reserve graves.
- 5.3 The name of each person buried is to be marked on the plan.
- 5.4 The name of each person whose cremated remains are interred is to be marked on the plan.
- 5.5 Any grave dug double depth is to be marked on the plan.

**6. FEES**

- 6.1 A list of the Parish Council's fees is attached.
- 6.2 The costs of grave digging and other arrangements are a matter for the family, Executors, and Funeral Director. They are NOT the responsibility of the Parish Council.
- 6.3 Arrangements for services in a church or at the graveside are to be made with the Clergyman, Minister, or Priest concerned. Any costs associated with such arrangements are a matter for the family, Executors, and Funeral Director. They are NOT the responsibility of the Parish Council.

## FENNY COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

### BURIAL GROUND FEES

#### FEES PAYABLE TO THE PARISH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF BURIALS OR INTERMENTS UNDER RULE 2.1 ABOVE

Burial in Burial Ground	£150.00
Interment of cremated remains in an existing grave in Burial Ground	£ 75.00
Erection of small vase not exceeding 12 inches by 8 inches	£ 35.00
Erection of other monument	£ 95.00
Administration	£ 55.00

#### FEES PAYABLE TO THE PARISH COUNCIL IN RESPECT OF BURIALS OR INTERMENTS UNDER RULE 2.2 ABOVE

Burial in Burial Ground	£230.00
Interment of cremated remains in an existing grave in Burial Ground	£115.00
Erection of small vase not exceeding 12 inches by 8 inches	£ 45.00
Erection of other monument	£155.00
Administration	£ 60.00