

MERRIOTT PARISH COUNCIL

CHARGES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE CIVIL BURIAL GROUND

Interment Regulations:

- a. The Parish Council require the undertaker to arrange for the grave to be dug and all the surplus soil to be removed from the burial ground at his expense.
- b. Graves should be 6ft deep for proposed double graves and 4ft deep for a single grave subject to the depth of soil covering being not less than the statutory minimum of 3ft.
- c. The siting of the grave and other details can be settled with the Clerk.
- d. No mounds shall be allowed. Any initial mound shall be levelled after 6 months.
- e. No kerbs or chippings shall be allowed.
- f. The maximum size of a headstone shall be 4ft high, 3ft wide and 6 inches deep.
- g. Interment shall take place in spaces on alternate sides following numerically either side of the path next to the last one occupied on that side unless it is a relative of a person previously buried in a double grave.
- h. The planting of trees, shrubs, flowers or bulbs shall not be permitted on any grave.
- i. Wreaths or cut flowers may lie directly on any grave, or placed in an approved vase or container immediately adjacent to the headstone. The Parish Council may remove them when they appear to be withered.
- j. Bulbs and small annual plants may be planted in an approved removable container placed immediately adjacent to the headstone. Unless kept tidy, the Parish Council may remove same.
- k. No artificial flowers may under any circumstances be placed in the Burial Ground and if so placed they will be removed by the Parish Council.
- l. Vases shall not be more than 12 inches x 8 inches x 8 inches in size and shall not be an integral part of the headstone.
- m. No headstone shall be of black granite or of all-polished granite of whatever colour, or of white marble, synthetic stone or plastic. Stone shall not be mirror polished in any way so as to reflect. The use of local stone will be encouraged.
- n. Bird baths shall not be permitted.
- o. Any power exercisable by the Parish Council under these regulations may be delegated in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authority Cemeteries Order 1977 to a person or persons so authorised.
- p. No advertisement or trade-mark shall be inscribed on a headstone but the name of the mason may be inscribed at the side or on the side or on the reverse of a headstone in unpainted and unleaded letters no more than half an inch in height. All headstones must have the grave number engraved on the reverse.