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Mendip Road Cemetery Rules and Regulations

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1. General Provisions

- 1.1. These regulations are made by the Council of the Parish of Yatton in the district of North Somerset under Article 3 of the Local Authorities' Cemeteries Order 1977, under the terms of which the Parish Council is the Burial Authority.
- 1.2. Mendip Road Cemetery can only be used for interment of cremated remains in a designated burial plot or by the deposition of cremated remains into the ground in the Garden of Remembrance.
- 1.3. The land that forms this cemetery is not consecrated. If interment in consecrated, blessed or otherwise sanctified ground is required, an arrangement must be made with the appropriate authorities by the applicant. Such arrangements must not infringe or limit the rights of others. The Parish Council will be the final arbiters of what is acceptable.
- 1.4. The fees and charges applying to use of Mendip Road Cemetery are available on the website of Yatton Parish Council.
- 1.5. All fees and charges must be paid to the Office of the Parish Council.
- 1.6. For the purpose of this document, the designated officer is the Clerk to Yatton Parish Council.
- 1.7. Yatton Parish Council reserves the right to revoke or amend these rules and regulations at any time.

2. Interments

- 2.1. Prior to any interment of cremated remains, notice must be given to the Clerk to Yatton Parish Council during normal working hours.
- 2.2. Interments may only be performed by staff of professional funeral services companies.
- 2.3. Notice of Interment must be given on the printed application form, supplied by the Clerk, on which all the particulars requested must be clearly stated.
- 2.4. Responsibility for any error or omission will rest upon the person signing the notice.
- 2.5. Notice of interment may be accepted by telephone but must then be confirmed by completion of the proper written form.
- 2.6. Not less than five working days' notice must be given for an interment. A longer period of notice may be required if it is necessary in the opinion of the Clerk.
- 2.7. After the Notice of Interment has been given, any alteration required in the arrangements will be subject to the consent of the Clerk. An additional charge may be imposed if such alteration is likely to involve the Parish Council in additional expense.
- 2.8. The Parish Council accepts no liability for any consequences arising from loss, or delay in delivery, of any notice, order or other documents sent by post.

- 2.9. The “Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial” must be purchased prior to the first interment. Any subsequent re-opening must provide details of the original grant issued, including its number and the date the grant was issued.
- 2.10. Cremated remains may be interred in any suitable container. Families may wish to consider not using a container if the cremated remains of other family members are intended to be interred in the same burial plot.

3. Interment Rights

- 3.1. The right to be interred in a Yatton Parish burial ground is restricted to those who are normally resident in the Parish (including people who have lived the final part of their life in a care or medical facility outside the Parish) and their immediate family members. Immediate family members are grandparents, parents, grandchildren, children and siblings. “Normally resident”, for these purposes, means having lived within the Parish for at least the 12 months leading up to the death; for those who lived the final part of their life in a care or medical facility, it is the 12 months leading up to their transfer to that facility. Exceptions can be made at the discretion of the Clerk or other designated officer of Yatton Parish Council.
- 3.2. For interments of individuals who do not fulfil the residency requirements, double fees will be charged. Again, exceptions can be made at the discretion of the Clerk or other designated officer of Yatton Parish Council.
- 3.3. The Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial, when granted, extends for a period not exceeding 70 years from the date of the grant. Yatton Parish Council will hold the sole authoritative record of interment rights and the Register of Burials.
- 3.4. Selection of the plot for interment will be made by the Clerk to Yatton Parish Council.
- 3.5. On the occasion of a re-opening of a cremation plot, proof of the original Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial must be provided, including its grant number and the date the grant was issued.

4. Cremation Plot Memorials and Floral Tributes

- 4.1. Application for permission to place a memorial or marker on a cremation plot must be made in advance on a form obtained from the Clerk. The application must be accompanied by the requisite fee.
- 4.2. A tablet may be laid on the foundation slab of a cremation plot but must not exceed 18in x 18in and 4in high sloping to 2in (45cm x 45cm and 10.5cm high sloping to 5cm). This is so it will fit on the foundation slab.
- 4.3. A portrait or photograph may be placed on a cremation plot but must not exceed 45cm x 45cm. This is so it will fit on the foundation slab.
- 4.4. No glass items will be allowed and all tributes must be kept within the curtilage of the plot.
- 4.5. No planting is allowed anywhere in the cemetery without the permission of the Parish Council.

4.6. If the Parish Council believes that these rules have been contravened, it will seek (by mutual consent if possible) such remedial action as it deems necessary. If this does not prove possible, the Parish Council reserves the right to remove the offending material. It is anticipated that a period of six weeks' notice will be given before direct intervention occurs. If material that poses a health and safety hazard has been placed, it will be removed immediately and retained/disposed of as deemed necessary.

4.7. Memorials made from marble, plastic or synthetic stone are not permitted.

5. Garden of Remembrance

5.1. If it is wished to place cremated remains in the Garden of Remembrance, rather than in a designated cremation plot, they must be placed into the ground and not scattered. Cremated remains may not be placed or interred in any other part of the cemetery than the Garden of Remembrance or a designated cremation plot.

5.2. Plaques may be attached to the cobblestones surrounding the Garden of Remembrance, provided they conform to the following:

- 5.2.1. The maximum size of a plaque is 12cm wide by 9cm high. This is so it will fit on the cobblestone.
- 5.2.2. Plaques can be made of any material but should be black, silver, or brass/gold.
- 5.2.3. Plaques must be secured with colourless weather-proof glue or fixative.
- 5.2.4. The writing on the plaque should be engraved for purposes of longevity.