

LINGWOOD & BURLINGHAM PARISH CEMETERY

Rules and regulations made by the Council for the Management of the Cemetery at Church Road, Lingwood.

Arrangements for Interment

1. Five clear days notice must be given to the Clerk of the Council for and interment in an earthen grave. Saturdays and Sundays are excluded in reckoning this length of notice. Where a religious faith requires a shorter time between death and burial the Clerk has discretion to vary the length of notice.
2. The Certificate for the disposal of a body, or in the case of an inquest, the Coroner's Order for Burial, must be produced before interment. For the burial of a still-born child an appropriate certificate issued by the Registrar of Births and Deaths or the Coroner will be required.
3. All orders must be given and payment made to the Clerk within three days after interment.
4. Plans showing the situations of each grave are kept by the Clerk and may be inspected at any reasonable time by appointment.
5. All graves are to be dug at least 6 feet deep and the surplus soil must be removed from the Cemetery by those responsible for excavating the grave.
6. All grave mounds must be removed at the purchaser's expense after six months from the date of interment. The grave mounds must be sufficient to allow for sinking.

Memorials

7. A headstone may only be erected at the head of the grave. No other memorial shall be placed on the grave forward of the headstone. This area is to be left clear to allow grass cutting by a motor driven machine. Before the headstone is placed or erected a drawing showing the design and proposed inscription must be left with the Clerk for approval for at least seven days.
8. The foundations for headstones must be in accordance with the directions of the Clerk. Any person undertaking this work must use such means as the Clerk shall direct for the protection of the grass and the walks during the progress of the work. Such persons shall, upon completion of the work, clear away any materials not used, or any other rubbish deposited on the site of the works to the satisfaction of the Clerk and shall be responsible for any damage done in carrying out and completing any of the above works.
9. All headstones shall, after erection, be kept in good repair by the owner and unless this is done the Council reserve the right to cause them to be repaired at the owner's expense. If any headstone is erected in violation of the Regulations of the Council, the same may be removed at any time by the Council, without notice.
10. All headstones shall be inscribed with the grave section, row and number to which they relate.
11. The placing of cut flowers, wreaths or artificial flowers is welcomed on the headstone only. No shrubs, plants, bulbs or flowers (including artificial) may be placed on the grass in front of the headstone, except in the Christmas period. The Council reserves the right to remove any shrubs, plants, bulbs or flowers in contrary to this rule, without notice.

Rules for public access

12. Children under the age of twelve years shall not be allowed within the Cemetery except under the care of a responsible adult. Visitors will be expected to observe proper decorum at all times.
13. Every person who shall wilfully destroy or damage any building, wall, fence or seat belonging to the Cemetery, or destroy or damage any tree or plant, or who daubs and disfigures any surface, or put any bill on any surface, or wilfully destroy, damage or deface any headstone within the Cemetery, or do any other wilful damage shall be liable to prosecution.
14. Any person who plays any games or sport, or discharges firearms, except at a military funeral, in the Cemetery or wilfully and unlawfully disturbs any person assembled in the Cemetery for the purposes of burial, or commit any nuisance within the Cemetery, shall be liable to prosecution. The consumption of alcohol within the Cemetery is strictly prohibited.
15. Persons bringing dogs into the Cemetery must keep them on a leash and under proper control at all times and are responsible for removing any litter and excrement.
16. Motor vehicles are prohibited from entering the Cemetery, except for the purpose of funerals or in connection with the erection and maintenance of headstones and general Cemetery maintenance, other than with the permission from the Clerk. This rule does not apply to approved means of invalid conveyance.
17. The riding of cycles, motorcycles and horses through and within the Cemetery is strictly prohibited and liable to prosecution.
18. No person shall be allowed to offer goods for sale or to solicit orders for the sale of any goods within the Cemetery. Offenders will be liable to prosecution and expulsion.
19. The Council reserve the right from time to time to make alterations or additions to the foregoing Rules and Regulations to be consistent with The Regulations of Her Majesty's Secretary of State (Burial Acts).