MILTON-UNDER-WYCHWOOD CEMETERY

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE USE OF THE CEMETERY

(As administered by the Milton under Wychwood Parish Council as Trustees)

(IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES' CEMETERIES (AMENDMENT) ORDER 1986 No 1782)

Cemetery Location and Plans

Plans of the Cemetery are deposited with the Council and a copy of the plans may be viewed by contacting the Council.

Grave Dimensions

Each grave plot in the Cemetery shall be 7ft x 4ft/2100 x 1200mm and Cremation plots 2ft x 2ft/600 x 600mm. The position of a grave is determined by the Council.

Purchasing a Right to Burial

Current fees for services at the Cemetery are at the end of the document. These fees do not include the cost of digging the grave, subsequent reparation or any headstone that is placed on the grave.

Each grave space in the new cemetery is capable of interring two bodies. It is possible to secure an Exclusive Right of Burial which means that the space cannot be used for a second interment without the permission of the purchaser. There is an additional cost for this which is payable at the time of the initial interment. There is also an additional lesser cost for a subsequent interment. If the Exclusive Right of Burial has not been purchased at the time of the first interment, this may be purchased at a later date provided that the plot has not been used for another interment. Any purchase is made for the length of the lease (100 years). A Deed of Grant will be given to the purchaser by the Council.

Purchase of a Right to Burial (ie a burial plot) cannot be made in advance, only at the time of burial. A person who purchases the right of leasehold in any section cannot convey, assign or transfer this rights without the sanction of the Council having first been obtained.

Conditions of the Burial Plot

All graves shall be turfed over by the purchaser. No permanent mounds, fences, borders or chippings will be allowed in order that mowing machinery can be operated without hindrance.

Headstones and Memorials

Memorials/headstones are not permitted on a grave space unless the Exclusive Right of Burials therein has been purchased.

Headstones are permitted after subsidence of the earth is complete (6 months for burial/1 month for interment of ashes), the upper surface of which must be level with the surrounding turf.

Every person wishing to place a headstone must obtain permission from the Council and submit a drawing showing the form and material of the stone, together with a copy of the inscription intended to be cut on it for approval by the Council. Inscriptions must be simple, reverent and theologically acceptable. No portraits or photographs are to be included on headstones. There is a fee for placing a headstone/memorial, payable in advance.

Headstones should be of natural stone, local stone is preferred. Headstones for graves should be no bigger than 36" x 24"/900 x 600mm. Headstones for cremations should be no bigger than 18" x 18"/450 x 450mm. Desk top memorials 18" x 18"/450 x 450mm, up to a height of 6"/150mm are permitted. A monument in the form of a vase or cross (hardwood only) no bigger than 18" x 8"/450 x 200mm may be placed on the grave.

Memorials/headstones are to be kept in repair by the owners. Dead flowers, and other artefacts no longer required, must be deposited in the dustbins provided for the purpose. All dead flowers and wreaths will be removed if left on the grave for an unduly long time.

The planting of shrubs or trees, etc on a grave is not permitted although a few bulbs or annuals may be allowed.

General Conditions

Dogs are not allowed in the Cemetery except on a short lead.

Seats or trees are not to be placed between the graves and no seats and/or trees are to be placed around the perimeter of the cemetery without written permission from the Council.

Any person who wilfully destroys any part of the cemetery; any tree, shrub or plant, or destroys or defaces any stone or inscription, or commits a nuisance in the Cemetery is liable to prosecution for every such offence under the Local Authority Cemetery (Amendment) Order 1986 No 1782.

The Council reserves the right from time to time to make any alterations in the foregoing Rules.

Signed on behalf of the Parish Council

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Date

01/11/2025