

# **Culham Parish Council**

## **The Burial Ground Guidelines**

### **General:**

The burial ground is reserved for the use of those who have been residents of Culham Parish.

The area will be maintained as a traditional lawned area.

The layout of the burial ground is in rows running parallel to the boundary wall of the adjoining churchyard, eventually forming a grid of 1.2 x 2.75 metre (4' x 9') grave plots.

Plot No. 1 is positioned in the south east corner of the burial ground, and subsequent plots follow on from this in a westerly direction until completion of the first row.

Subsequent rows will start at the easterly boundary wall.

### **Burials and Internment of Ashes:**

After a burial has taken place, relatives can leave floral tributes and a wooden sign, cross or other religious symbol with inscription on the grave. All other materials must be approved by Culham Parish Council. Culham Parish Council reserves the right to remove materials if, in their opinion, it is deemed necessary to do so.

Headstones should not be placed on graves for at least six months after a burial has taken place. This will allow the ground to settle and provide a secure base for the memorial. Wooden signs, crosses or other religious symbols are considered a temporary memorial and should be removed when a permanent fixture is erected.

### **Permanent Memorials & Inscriptions:**

All permanent headstones, memorials and inscriptions are subject to approval by Culham Parish Council – a copy of the inscription, a drawing of the proposed monument, its measurements and proposed materials must be submitted. Inscriptions should be concise, simple and inoffensive.

The maximum height of a headstone shall not exceed 1.0 metre (3' 4") and its width should not exceed the width of the plot (1.2 metre or 4'). All memorials must be installed using the National Association of Memorial Masons (NAMM) approved anchor system.

Memorials, vases, plaques, and their inscriptions are only permitted on purchased plots. In the interests of safety, glass vases or bottles must not be placed on graves.

Culham Parish Council will not be held responsible for any damage to headstones and/or memorials, by whomever or however caused.

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