

FOWLMERE PARISH COUNCIL

BURIAL BOARD

TERMS AND CONDITIONS SEPTEMBER 2014 (WITH MINOR REVISIONS IN OCTOBER 2016)

1. To qualify as a parishioner a person must have resided in the village of Fowlmere for more than one (1) year. Any resident of the village is a parishioner.
2. Parishioner status will cease once a person has resided outside the village for more than one (1) year.
3. If a person has pre-purchased a plot and then ceases to be a parishioner (as in paragraph 2 above) all charges connected with a burial will be at the non-parishioner rate in effect at the time of interment.
4. The Parish Council will not accept liability for any damage to head stones.
5. An owner is responsible for the upkeep of a grave unless at any time the Parish Council deems it necessary for repairs to be carried out.
6. All head stones are to be marked on the back with the plot number.
7. The Parish Council will undertake to cut grass on and around graves.
8. Kerbs or footstones are not allowed.
9. Planting of any description is not permitted.
10. No spoil heap will be allowed in the cemetery and all spoil MUST be removed by the grave-digger
11. Plots are to be purchased through Fowlmere Burial Board.
12. Pre-purchased plots must be in the name of the person who will eventually be interred in the plot.
13. Permission in writing for every interment is required from Fowlmere Burial Board.
14. Permission for the erection of head stones/inscriptions and/or memorial stoneware (e.g. flower holders) is required from Fowlmere Burial Board.
15. Two copies of the agreed Terms and Conditions will be sent to purchasers of burial plots and one copy is to be signed and returned to the Clerk.
16. Current fees for plots, interment, erection of head stones, etc. can be obtained from the Clerk, Fowlmere Parish Council, 32 Chapel Lane, Fowlmere, Royston SG8 7SD.

Upkeep of graves at Fowlmere Cemetery

Plot owners are required to adhere to the following Terms and Conditions:

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Revised Regulations Concerning Monuments and Gravestones, effective Sept 2014

All monuments and gravestones must be approved in writing by Fowlmere Parish Council.

The Parish Council will normally approve monuments and gravestones which:

- do not exceed 24" in width (with possible extra width if the base needs to be slightly larger to be proportional, up to 30 inches in total - please contact the Clerk to discuss)
- do not exceed 36" in total height, including any base
- do not exceed 4" in thickness
- have either a straight top or symmetrical curved top
- are made of marble/other stone which is either white, grey, slate, cream (Portland stone colour), light brown/red or black in colour. If you wish to use a stone outside this list, please contact the Clerk for discussion.
- have lettering which is either black, white, silver or gold
- Have no wording on the reverse of the stone other than the plot number / stone mason name.
- ensure that any decoration/design on the monument is be in keeping with a place of rest and respect, and recognises and echoes that quality rather than being too personalised
- have no lights or lighting of any sort, including solar lights
- blend in and do not stand out
- have no ornaments or trinkets
- have no edging to the plot.

Terms and Conditions regarding 'Natural' Burials

Fowlmere Parish Council considers each burial application individually and will permit natural coffin burials (ie willow coffins) with certain conditions. These include that the Funeral Directors and purchasers accept responsibility for making good any disturbance of the plot area by animals, following a natural burial and, if so required by Fowlmere Parish Council, will repair any damage and seal the new grave with an impermeable layer. In the case of problems, the Parish Council will in the first instance contact the funeral director involved who must then contact the purchasers to seek a resolution.

If these parties do not take the necessary action, then the following will apply: any work and therefore expenditure required to deal with a problem requiring action by the Parish Council will result in the plot owners being liable for such and in such circumstances the plot owners will be required to pay any costs incurred by the Parish Council.

All normal rules and requirements that are in place regarding burials in Fowlmere Cemetery will also apply to these types of burials.

The depth of a single burial plot (whatever the type of coffin) must be 4ft, and 6ft for a double depth grave.

Please contact the Clerk for more details.

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