

Tempsford Cemetery Regulations

In these Regulations the following expressions shall have the meanings hereby assigned to them:

“The Council” means Tempsford Parish Council.

“Purchased plot” means a grave in respect of which a Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial has been granted.

1. All interments must take place between 9 a.m. and 4.p.m. Monday to Friday.
2. No business is transacted, or interments permitted on Saturdays, Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas Day, or any public holiday.
3. Grave digging is the responsibility of the undertaker.
4. All persons admitted to the cemetery must conduct themselves in a quiet orderly manner, and all children must be in the charge of a responsible person.
5. No vehicular access to the cemetery is allowed at any time, except for the purpose of maintenance and grave digging.
6. The scattering of cremated remains over graves is not permitted. Caskets or urns containing cremated remains, may be interred into a grave with the arrangement of the Council, however, a fee will be incurred.
7. Application for permission to erect a memorial or to carry out any work on an existing memorial must be made to the Clerk to the Council.
8. Ironwork, plastic fencing, hedging, kerbstone etc. is not permitted round any graves. In the new extension, no pots, plants or decoration is allowed, except on the headstone plinth. After the grave has settled, the earth will be grassed. Please do not plant on the earth and once the headstone has been erected, please put plants on the plinth not on the grass. This is for ease of grass cutting.
9. Garden gnomes, bird bath, statues, etc. are not permitted on any graves.
10. No trees may be planted in the cemetery unless authorised by the Council.
11. No memorial on a private grave shall exceed 0.91 m (3ft.) in height, 0.79 m (2ft.6ins.) in width and 0.30 m (1ft.) in depth.
12. The Council reserves the right of passage over all graves and to have any grave temporarily covered.
13. The Council does not accept responsibility for damage to a grave or to anything (including any kind of memorial) on the grave. It reserves the right after giving due notice, to move temporarily any memorial or to remove any memorial of whatever kind which has become dilapidated, unsightly, or unsafe.
14. The size of the burial plot purchased is 2.74 m (9ft.) in length and 1.22 m (4ft.) in width.
15. The purchaser of the burial plot or his or her heirs holds the title to the said plot for a period of seventy-five (75) years from the date of the last burial in the said plot. The land will then revert and become the property of the Council. This is to allow the Council to deal with maintenance issues on the grave only.
16. A maximum number of two interments in one grave is allowed in the old part of the cemetery which is now closed to new purchases. The new part of the cemetery is single depth only and plots are sold in strict rotation. Only Headstones and base, no kerbstones in the new cemetery.

Linda Collins
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