

BARNACK PARISH COUNCIL

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BARNACK CEMETERY

Terms and Conditions

Barnack Parish Council is responsible for the management of Barnack Cemetery and any applications for grave spaces, burials or memorials shall be determined by the Council. Eligibility is irrespective of religious denomination. Residents only, may reserve a space in advance under the Exclusive Right of Burial scheme.

The term 'Resident' applies to people living in Barnack, Pilsgate or Southorpe at the time of their death, or who had lived in those parishes until leaving for care with a relative, in a residential home or hospital. Or, otherwise as may be determined at the discretion of the Parish Council.

Money from fees is used for the maintenance of the cemetery. There are two scales of charges, for Residents and non-Residents. Please see the Council's Cemetery Charges sheet.

The Council may sell the Exclusive Right of Burial in a burial or ashes grave space to a Resident for a period of one hundred years. A deed will be issued to the purchaser(s) who will become the registered Grave Owner. At the expiry of the period, subject to the Council's permission, the rights to the grave space may be renewed by the Owner or their heir for a period to be set by the Council at that time.

Graves may only be excavated by persons appointed by, or contracted to, the Council and who are qualified to current Institute of Cemeteries Management standards.

The Council will reinstate all graves where the soil has settled. This can be done at any time after the interment and there will be no charge for this service.

Those purchasing a grave space are requested to observe the following rules:

- 1. Headstones** are the only memorials permitted for burials and these should not be more than one metre in height and 61cm wide. Full specifications, including drawings must be submitted to the Parish Council for approval before installation. Curb stones, horizontal slabs and wooden memorials are not permitted.
- 2. Ashes:** There is a dedicated area for the interment of ashes. The spaces are half the size of burial grave spaces. Memorial headstones should be no more than 76cm high and 61cm wide. Flat Plaques may be used as an alternative to a headstone, but should be no larger than 45cm wide and 45cm long; plaques should be placed below ground level to enable grass maintenance.
- 3. Graves Depth:** All graves, either full burial or ashes only, must be dug to double depth at the time of a first interment in a grave space. This allows families flexibility for future interments and helps to ensure good use of land.
- 4. Floral Tributes** and other items placed on a grave at the time of the funeral will be removed fourteen days after the interment and disposed of by the Council.
- 5. Vases** may be incorporated into a headstone. Planters, vases, toys, ornaments or other memorial items may be placed on the grave area only, at the discretion of the Council. The Council reserves the right to remove items without notice, that may be encroaching on to other plots or impeding the mowing and maintenance of the cemetery.
- 6. Flowers,** shrubs and trees may not be planted on graves or anywhere within the Cemetery.
- 7. Neglected Graves:** The owner of a memorial is responsible for its maintenance and repair. If in the opinion of the Council any memorial is no longer maintained in good repair, the Council may give notice to the owner to have remedial work carried out. If this is not complied with, or if the registered owner cannot be traced, the Council may carry out repairs as it thinks fit, and seek to recover the cost of such work from the owner or their estate. This allows the Council to maintain the Cemetery to current Health and Safety standards.
- 8. Dogs:** Dogs are not allowed in the cemetery, except on a lead, and any fouling must be removed by the person in charge of the dog.

The Council reserves the right to make any alteration in these rules consistent with the Local Government Act 1972 and the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977. All grave spaces will be sold subject to these rules and any others that may be made by the Council.