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## **BURIAL GROUND REGULATIONS**

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### **Interpretation of terms**

“Council” means the Ripley Parish Council

“Clerk” means Clerk to the Ripley Parish Council

“Monument” means any memorial which is placed or erected on a grave

1. Notice of interment is to be given to the Clerk two whole days previous to the interment.
2. Coffins of wood, wicker or cardboard shall be used in earthen graves and all coffins shall have a non-corroding plate bearing the deceased name securely fixed.
3. The Council does not undertake the digging of graves. Provision for such work is the responsibility of the person requiring the same and must be carried out to the satisfaction of the Council acting through the Clerk.
4. No body shall be buried in a grave in such a manner that any part of the coffin is at a depth exceeding 8 feet nor at a depth less than 3 feet below the level of the ground adjoining the grave.
5. No body shall be buried in a grave unless the coffin is effectually separated from any other coffin already in the grave by means of a layer of earth not less than 6 inches in thickness.
6. Where, in the Burial Ground, any grave is reopened for the purpose of making another interment therein, no person shall disturb any human remains interred therein nor remove therefrom any soil which is offensive.
7. All fees and charges are to be paid at the office of the Clerk. Fees and charges relating to internments shall be paid before the interment takes place. Fees relating to monuments shall be paid when application is made for permission to place or erect a monument.
8. No internments may take place on Sundays, Bank Holidays, Christmas Day, Good Friday and Saturdays, nor before 10 o'clock in the morning or after 3.30 o'clock in the afternoon on the remaining days provided that this regulation shall not apply to internments required to take place immediately upon the certificate of the appropriate Medical Officer or Authority.
9. The Certificate of Registration of the Death of the person to be buried, the Coroner's Order for Burial where an inquest has been held, or a certificate from

the Registrar in the case of a still-born child, must be produced at the time of the interment and lodged with the Clerk.

10. Exclusive rights of burial are limited to 100 years. The sites of graves will be determined by the Council acting by the Clerk.
11. The grave spaces for the burial of persons over 7 years of age shall be 9 feet by 4 feet.
12. On every opening of a grave where the exclusive right of burial has been purchased, the certificate of ownership or written authority from the owner shall be produced to the Clerk on giving notice of interment.
13. Shrubs, plants or flowers may, subject to the approval of the Council, be planted on any purchased grave. Upon the completion of such work all refuse must be conveyed to the nearest receptacle for litter. The Council reserves the right to prune, cut down or dig up and remove any of the shrubs, plants or flowers at any time when, in its opinion, the same have become unsightly or overgrown. The Council reserves the right to prune, cut down or dig up and remove any shrubs, plants or flowers planted without such approval or planted between burial plots.
14. The Council reserves the right to remove any non-biodegradable material from the Burial Ground.
15. The Council reserves the right to level and turf or sow with grass seed any mounded grave after one year from the date of interment.
16. Memorials may be erected one year from the date of burial.
17. Monuments and memorials will only be allowed in accordance with the table of fees