

# FLETCHING PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Fletching Burial Ground Regulations – Summary**

This is a summary of the things you need to know if you are planning a burial in the Fletching Burial Ground. Your funeral director will have a copy of the full Burial Ground Regulations which can also be found on the Fletching Parish Council website.

### **Grave Plot**

Before a burial can take place, a grave plot needs to be purchased which will give the owner an “Exclusive Right of Burial” for a period of 50 years - the owner can also choose who may be buried in the grave. If you don't already own a plot, please contact the Parish Clerk by email [clerk@fletching-pc.org](mailto:clerk@fletching-pc.org) or on 07534 959772.

### **Burials (Interment)**

Applications for burial need to be sent to the Parish Clerk at least 48 hours before the date of the interment. Forms can be obtained from the Clerk or from the Parish Council website [www.fletching-pc.org](http://www.fletching-pc.org)

The signed application requires the full details of the deceased, proposed burial date and the number of the grave which is going to be used. The appropriate fee also needs to be paid (by BACS) to the Parish Council before the burial takes place. The list of fees is available on the Parish Council website.

The certificate for disposal issued by the Registrar of Births and Deaths (the green form) or a Coroner's Order for Burial must be sent to the Clerk before the burial takes place.

The grave will need to be prepared by a contractor employed by your Funeral Director.

Any form of religious service may be held at the graveside. The service is limited to 30 minutes and you are responsible for arranging for the appropriate officiant to attend if desired.

Burials can only take place between 10.00am and 3.00pm unless special permission has been given by the Parish Council. Burials may not take place on Saturdays, Sundays, Good Friday, Christmas Day or on a public holiday.

The deceased must be placed in a coffin made from perishable materials. Imperishable materials like metal are not permitted.

### **Memorials (headstones)**

A memorial stone can be placed on the grave approximately six months after the burial. An application needs to be made to the Parish Council (and a fee paid) setting out the specification, material, text and dimensions at least 4 weeks before the memorial is due to be placed on the grave. Once approved a permit will be issued and the memorial can be erected.

Memorials may only be made from black or grey granite, marble, slate or other hard stone.

### **Grave Upkeep and Mementoes**

The grave owner is responsible for keeping the grave free of weeds and in a tidy condition.

A Parish Council contractor is responsible for cutting the grass and strimming round the graves in the Burial Ground and to enable this to happen glass containers, items of pottery, tins, plastic or wire mesh fences or other items of metal, plastic or other synthetic material or mementoes are not permitted and will be removed. Wreaths and cut flowers will be removed when they have withered.

Temporary wooden crosses are allowed and small bedding plants or bulbs may be planted on the grave but not perennials, shrubs and trees.