



## **WEEDON BEC PARISH COUNCIL CEMETERY REGULATIONS**

1. Weedon Bec Parish Council is the burial authority for Weedon Bec parish. These rules set out in simple terms the Council's policy with regard to the operation and maintenance of the Cemetery.
2. The Cemetery is an open space available for all to visit. It is a place for remembrance, peace and quiet reflection and the Council endeavours to ensure that it maintains the Cemetery for that purpose. All visitors to the Cemetery must keep to the paths, except when visiting a particular grave and shall observe proper decorum in all respects. Only pets on leads will be permitted in the Cemetery.
3. Burial in Weedon Bec Cemetery is only permitted to persons who live, or have previously lived, within the present parish boundary of Weedon Bec. If you have not lived within the parish boundary for five years or over, fees may be doubled, at the discretion of the Parish Council.
4. If you have not previously lived within the present parish boundary of Weedon Bec but have an immediate family member buried in Weedon Bec Cemetery, permission for burial may also be granted and the fees will be doubled.
5. Grave plots cannot be reserved for unborn children or un-nominated persons.
6. Weedon Bec Cemetery is a lawn type cemetery to allow ease of maintenance and will be mown regularly by the Parish Council.
7. Flagstones, kerbstones, fencing or any other forms of enclosure or border are not permitted nor is trenching, gravelling or other forms of boundary marking. Potted or planted trees or shrubs are not permitted. Windmills, chimes or other similar ornaments are not allowed on graves or on cremation plots. The Parish Council reserves the right to remove these additions.
8. Natural flowers are preferred. All wreaths and flowers, when past their best will be removed, as will unsuitable artificial flowers.
9. Memorial trees, benches or other structures will only be permitted in the cemetery with the express permission of the Council.
10. The above rules are made so that a tranquil and dignified atmosphere can be maintained, and we ask for your co-operation.

11. The selection of plots for graves shall be determined at the discretion of the Executive Officer.
12. The dimensions of any headstone on a grave shall not exceed 3 feet (91cm) in height above ground level and 2 feet 6 inches (76cm) in width and 3 inches (7.5cm) in thickness. Ornamental carvings, whether integral or secured on top of the headstone, are not permitted.
13. Wording of inscriptions are to be approved by Council. Photo-ceramic images are not permitted on memorials.
14. Headstones are not to be fitted until the settlement period of 6 months has elapsed.
15. The dimensions of a plaque over cremated remains shall not exceed 18 inches (46 cm) wide and 24 inches (61cm) deep and be of a suitable stone (black granite or York stone is preferred). A memorial or flower holder may be placed but must not exceed 12 inches (30cm) in height.
16. The Parish Council reserves the right to tidy up neglected or untended graves.
17. The Council shall be indemnified by persons carrying out any work in the cemetery against any claims arising from all works. The Council accepts no liability for claims arising from work carried out by third parties.
18. The Council accepts no responsibility for damage or loss howsoever caused.
19. Council representatives appointed to the cemetery will make safety checks on memorial headstones. If any are found to be unsafe, the family of the deceased will be contacted to promptly arrange the securing of the headstones in the interest of public safety. In cases where a family cannot be contacted, or there is a delay in action, and the memorial is considered to be very unsafe and a danger, the Council representative or the Executive Officer will lay the memorial down with respect and sensitivity.