

# **AVON DASSETT VILLAGE CEMETERY**

Managed by Avon Dassett Parish Council

## **Rules for the Avon Dassett Cemetery**

### **A) The Plan**

1. Graves must be allocated in turn as need occurs. There is to be no reservation.
2. The name of each person buried should be marked on the plan. Any grave which is dug to "double depth" will be recorded. Any interment of ashes in a grave is also to be recorded.
3. No grave can be reopened if any interment of cremated remains has taken place. The grave can only be reopened for additional cremated remains.

### **B) The Graves and Funerals**

1. The Funeral Director concerned must contact the Warden and the Clerk to the Parish Council when a burial is to take place. The Warden will then arrange for the grave site to be marked.
2. Graves must be dug to a depth to allow at least three feet, approximately 900 mm, of earth over the top of the coffin. This means that a single depth grave must be at least four feet six inches, approximately 1,250 mm, and a double grave six feet approximately 1,800 mm, with not less than six inches, approximately 150 mm between the coffins.
3. The digging of the grave and safety of a prepared grave are the responsibility of the Funeral Director and the grave digger. They are not the responsibility of the Parish Council.
4. The filling-in of the grave must take place immediately after interment. On no account must a coffin be left unattended in an open grave. Any surplus earth must be deposited in the allocated area as shown on the plan of the graves.
5. Cremated remains will be buried in the allocated area of the cemetery, which is shown on the plan of graves.
6. Wreaths and other floral tributes must be removed within three to four weeks, or they will be moved at the discretion of the Parish Council and Warden.
7. Permission in writing must be obtained from the Parish Council before the planting of any trees, shrubs or flowers on the grave.

### **C) Memorials**

1. Nothing can be placed in the burial ground without the written consent from the Parish Council.
2. Memorials should be of a light natural English stone e.g. Hornton stone, with a flower vase incorporated if desired. Inscriptions should be in black lettering. The headstone should be a maximum of three feet three inches, (one metre) in height and two feet six inches (750 mm) wide (maximum sizes). Alternatively, a small monumental vase of light natural English stone, with inscriptions can be permanently fixed.
3. Inscriptions and memorials are to be of a nature commensurate with the dignity of the Burial Ground, and the sensitivity of others whose relatives are buried there. In cases of doubt the Parish Clerk and Warden will refer the matter to the Parish Council whose decision is binding.
4. Memorials remain the property of the family and friends of the deceased. The Parish Council cannot accept any responsibility for their loss damage or deterioration.

### **D) Right of Burial**

1. The following persons have the right of burial:
  - a. Residents of the Civil Parish of Avon Dassett.

- b. Any person who dies within the Civil Parish of Avon Dassett at the discretion of the Parish Council.
2. The burial of all other persons is at the discretion of the Parish Council.
3. The interment of the cremated remains of any person in a grave is allowed in the cases where next-of-kin gives written approval.

**E) Fees**

1. The cost of grave digging and the arrangements are a matter for the family, the Executors and the Funeral Director. They are not the responsibility of the Parish Council.
2. Arrangements for services in a church or at the graveside are to be made separately with the clergyman, Minister or Priest concerned. Appropriate fees are to be made.
3. Fees are listed on the next sheet of paper.

**F) Other Information**

1. The burial ground is solely the property and responsibility of the Parish Council and **not** of any Church Authority.
2. The interment of cremated remains will take place in the area set aside as shown on the plan of graves, or in a family grave.

### **Avon Dassett Parish Council – Cemetery Fees payable from 1<sup>st</sup> July 2007**

Fees payable to the Parish Council by residents or former residents of the Civil Parish of Avon Dassett:

Burial in the Cemetery	£200
Interment of cremated remains in grave	£100
For erection of a monumental vase not exceeding 12 inches by 8 inches by 8 inches	£45
For erection of headstone or other monument	£143

For non- parishioners of the Civil Parish of Avon Dassett the fees are:

Burial in the Cemetery	£275
Interment of cremated remains in grave	£125
For monumental vase not exceeding 12 inches by 8 inches by 8 inches	£55
Headstone or other monument	£200

To re-open a grave	£70
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Please note that a monumental vase refers to a permanent stone fixture not larger than the dimensions specified above.

The erection of any monument other than a headstone and plinth in Hornton stone (see section C above) requires prior permission from the Parish Council.

Graves cannot be purchased.

We do not allow booking of a plot or plots.