



BRAMFORD



PARISH COUNCIL

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LAWN CEMETERY

RULES FOR BURIAL AS FROM February 2022

BURIALS

1. Funeral Directors must contact Bramford Parish Council to determine the availability of any time or date proposed for a burial.
2. Bramford Parish Council will accept instructions by email. It is the funeral directors' responsibility to ensure that a written notice of interment is received by the Parish Clerk before the date of the burial.
3. The Notice of Interment must give the exact dimensions of the coffin to be used for burial. The standard coffin size for a grave is 208cm long x 75 cm wide. Each grave must be 60cm from its neighbour.
4. Burial fees are due on giving Notice of Interment.
5. On reopening a grave, the responsibility for the removal and safekeeping of any existing memorial lies with the funeral directors.
6. Cremated remains to be buried in a cremation plot must be contained in a casket of a perishable nature. Each burial must be spaced 40cm from its neighbour and 50cm in front of the one behind.
7. Graves are selected in accordance with the Parish Council's scheme for systematic burials. No advance purchasing of plots will be permitted.

8. The excavation of the grave is the responsibility of the funeral director. All graves must be levelled and turfed by the funeral director immediately after the burial in such a way to allow for settlement.

9. Bramford Cemetery is a lawn cemetery. NO trees, shrubs, plants or flowers may be planted on cremated remains or grave plots. The area in front of all memorial stones will be mown. Flowers in vases must be kept in the headstone area and must not intrude onto the grass.

10. Wreaths and floral tributes placed on the grave following interment are permitted.

GRANTS OF EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL

1. Subject to the payment of the appropriate fee Bramford Parish Council grants the Exclusive Right of Burial to the purchaser in the purchased grave.

2. The right to erect a memorial will be granted to the rightful owner by a proper acceptable application, and payment of the appropriate fee.

3. The grantee shall be given grant for the Right of Burial, and provided with a deed, the details of which will be recorded in a register held by Bramford Parish Council.

4. Before reopening a purchased grave the ownership for the Exclusive Right of Burial must be proven to the reasonable satisfaction of the Parish Council. This should be by production of the Grant Deed.

5. Where the burial is not of the registered owner of the Right, the written consent for opening the grave can only be accepted upon completion of a Statutory Declaration which is to be SWORN by a solicitor, draft provided by Bramford Parish Council with a fee of £150.

6. No body shall be buried until consent from the owner of the exclusive right of burial is obtained or a transfer of Rights has been registered except for the burial of the grave owner in which instance no consent is required.

7. The grant for the Right of Burial shall be considered as the personal estate of the grantee and as such may be assigned in their lifetime or bequeathed by Will. Every such assignment or Probate of Will should be produced to Bramford Parish Council, together with the appropriate fee for the transfer to be duly registered.

MEMORIALS - GENERAL

1. No memorial shall be erected or placed upon a grave, unless the Exclusive Right of Burial has been purchased and proper application for permission to erect a memorial has been made by the registered owner and duly approved.

2. Application to erect a memorial must be made in writing on a form obtainable from Bramford Parish Council and applications must be accompanied by payment of the appropriate fee. The responsibility for errors lies with the person completing the form.
3. Such applications shall include a clear sketch or illustration of the memorial showing foundations, dimensions, type of stone or material, method of fixing and full dimensions, together with a copy of the proposed inscription for approval by Bramford Parish Council.
4. Bramford Parish Council reserves the right to refuse any inscription upon any memorial if (in the Council's opinion) the inscription is libellous, inaccurate or likely to cause offence to any person or body of persons.
5. All memorials when completed shall remain at the sole risk of the owner at all times. Bramford Parish Council accepts no responsibility for any damage that may occur to memorials. This also includes subsidence.
6. Following a burial, it is recommended that the ground is allowed to settle for a period of six to nine months before erecting a headstone. During this time a temporary marker may be placed on the grave.
7. The grave number should be clearly marked on the back of the headstone close to the base of each memorial.
8. Each memorial must be kept in good repair by or for the owner and at the expense of the owner. In default of which they shall be forfeited to the Council which will then be entitled to remove or repair them as Bramford Parish Council deem fit.
9. All memorials must conform to and be fixed in line with NAMM standards or equivalent.
10. Flower vases must be securely fixed to the base and form an integral part of the overall memorial. They should not encroach onto the plot which is to remain as a lawn.
11. The following types of memorial are NOT permitted:-
 - a. Free standing flower vases
 - b. Kerbstones or the like, which enclose the plot or the headstone
 - c. Fencing or surround of any kind
 - d. Flower beds that need tending
 - e. Wooden memorials of any kind (with the exception of temporary markers)

12. The size of memorials permitted are:-

Graves – Memorial kerbs, landings, flat stones and enclosures of any sort are strictly prohibited. No memorial will be allowed that is larger than the maximum measurements stated below:-

Maximum height of headstone –76cm (30in)
Maximum width - 68cm (27in)
Maximum thickness - 7.5cm (3in)
Depth of base - 30.5cm (12in)
Please note distances between each grave is 60cm (24in)

Cremation plots - Memorial kerbs, landings, flat stones and enclosures of any sort are strictly prohibited. No memorial will be allowed that is larger than the maximum measurements stated below:-

Maximum height of memorial –60cm (24in)
Maximum width - 41cm (16in)
Maximum thickness - 5cm (2in)
Maximum size of base - 64cm sq x 5cm thick (18in x 2in)
A flat tablet - Not exceeding 50cm square (20in)
Please note distances between each grave is 40cm (19.5in) next to and 50cm (20in) in front.

FLOWERS AND DECORATIONS

13. Floral tributes must be placed in the area beside the headstone and must not overflow onto the grass. Decaying floral tributes should be removed.

14. No glass vases are permitted. Any grave ornaments left or memorial erected without the written approval of Bramford Parish Council will be classed as unauthorised and will be subject to removal and storage until a proper application is made and approved. Bramford Parish Council accept no liability for loss or damage to unauthorised memorials or ornaments and reserve the right to dispose of any such items not claimed within three months of removal.

CONDUCT

Bramford Parish Council will advertise by notice displayed in the lawn cemetery if maintenance or works are to be carried out within the cemetery. Any such notice will be displayed three months before work commences.

Bramford Parish Council are the custodians of the cemetery and work to provide a quiet, sympathetic environment where friends and relatives can remember and mourn their loved ones.

We ask visitors to help to keep the cemetery tidy by not leaving litter, clearing away dead flowers, not allowing dogs to foul the area and keeping tributes within the space provided around the headstone. This enables maintenance to be carried out efficiently.

If you incur any problems at the cemetery or have any questions, please contact the Clerk who will deal with the matter as promptly.

Bramford Parish Council hope you will enjoy the environment that we have created.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

The current Schedule of Fees can be obtained via the Bramford Parish Council website <https://bramford.suffolk.cloud>, or your instructed Funeral Director.

Any queries contact :

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