

FENNY COMPTON PARISH COUNCIL

RULES FOR FENNY COMPTON CEMETERY

A) **THE PLAN**

1. The graves must be allocated in turn as the need occurs there will no reservations.
2. The name of each person buried should be marked on the plan. A record to be kept of any grave dug “double depth. Any interment of ashes in a grave is also to be recorded. No grave can be re-opened 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 clerk to the Parish Council when a burial is to take place. The clerk 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 900mm of earth over the top of the coffin. This means that a single depth grave must be at least four feet six inches approximately 1250mm, and a double grave six feet approximately 1800mm, with not less than six inches between the coffins.
3. The digging of the grave and safety of the prepared grave are the responsibility of the Funeral Director and the Gravedigger. They are not the responsibility of the Parish Council.
4. The filling –in of the grave must take place immediately after the interment. On no account must a coffin be left unattended in an open grave. Any surplus earth must be deposited in the allocated area, which is on the plan of the graves.
5. Cremated remains will normally be buried in the existing churchyard by arrangement with the Incumbent..
6. Permission should be sought, certificates lodged and fees received by the Clerk of the Parish Council, before any burial or internment of ashes within a grave, takes place in the Parish Council Cemetery.
7. Wreaths and other floral tributes must be removed within three to four weeks, or they will be moved by the Parish Council.
8. No permission will be given for the planting of trees, shrubs or flowers on the grave.

C) **MEMORIALS**

1. Nothing can be placed in the cemetery without the written consent from the clerk of the Parish Council.
2. Memorials should be of either light natural English Stone e.g. Hornton Stone or black granite, with a flower vase incorporated if desired. Inscriptions should be in black or gold lettering. The headstone should be three feet, three inches (one metre) in height and two feet six inches (0.75mm) wide (Maximum sizes). The sides of the headstone should be unpolished and without any writing. Alternatively a small vase of light natural English stone or black granite with inscriptions can be permanently fixed. Kerbstones are NOT allowed.

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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 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 Fenny Compton
 - b) Any person who dies within the Civil Parish of Fenny Compton.
2. The burial of all other persons is at the discretion of the Parish Council, except that for two years from the date of Consecration (16th January 1995 until January 1997) The Parish Council agrees that persons from the Civil Parish of Avon Dassett may be buried. A different scale of fees will apply to these burials.(see section E). In any disagreement the decision of the Parish Council shall be final
3. The interment of cremated remains of any person in a grave is allowed in cases where the next of kin gives written approval

E) **FEES**

1. The cost of gravedigging and 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 with the Clergyman, Minister, or Priest concerned. Appropriate fees are to be made
Fees are listed on a separate sheet.

F) **OTHER INFORMATION**

1. The Burial ground is solely the property and responsibility of the Parish Council and not of any Church Authority
2. From the date of opening the Burial Ground, no new grave will be permitted in the Churchyard. However burials may take place in grave in the Churchyard with double depth to make provision for a spouse or next of kin
The interment of Cremated Remains will still take place in the Churchyard in the area set already set aside, or in a family Grave.

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CEMETERY FEES

FEES PAYABLE TO THE PARISH COUNCIL BY RESIDENTS
OR FORMER RESIDENTS OF FENNY COMPTON PARISH

BURIAL IN BURIAL GROUND	£120:00
INTERMENT OF CREMATED REMAINS IN A GRAVE	£60:00
FOR ERECTION OF SMALL VASE NOT EXCEEDING 12 INCHES BY 8 INCHES	£20:00
FOR ERECTION OF OTHER MONUMENT	£80:00
ADMINISTRATION	£40:00
FOR NON PARISHIONERS OF FENNY COMPTON THE FEES ARE:-	
BURIAL IN BURIAL GROUND	£200:00
INTERMENT OF ASHES IN A GRAVE	£100:00
ERECTION OF A SMALL VASE NOT EXCEEDING 12INCHES BY 8 INCHES	£30:00
ANY OTHER MONUMENT	£125:00
ADMINISTRATION	£40:00