



# Doddinghurst Parish Council



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## Burial Ground and Remembrance Garden Regulations

1. There are to be no mounds on graves after a maximum of 12 months from interment.
2. Monuments and kerbs are not permitted.
3. Permanent Memorials – flat headstones are permissible, but not exceeding these maximum dimensions:-

GRAVES - 3' 6" HIGH, 2' 6" WIDE AND 9" THICK.

ASHES - 20" HIGH, 10" WIDE AND 2" THICK.

4. A grave headstone must be placed on a foundation stone. The foundation stone must be placed 3" below the surface and must be at least 2' 6" wide.
5. A grave headstone must be of natural stone and fixed to the foundation by not less than two 4" long dowels.
6. A grave headstone may not be erected until at least 8 months from the date of interment and be maintained by the Stonemason for a minimum of one year from erection.
7. The backs of all headstones must be in line.
8. A space not exceeding 12" from the front of the headstone (on burial plots only) and flush with the ground is available for placing containers of fresh flowers or potted plants. No other planting is permitted.
9. The back of a headstone should be inscribed with the plot number in 1" figures. The name of the stonemason may also be inscribed on the back of the headstone in maximum 1" letters.
10. Prior to erection, a drawing of the intended headstone together with the preferred inscription must be submitted for approval to the Parish Council.
11. Should any stone fall into a state of disrepair the Parish Council will give notice to the owner to effect remedial work. If no action is taken within a reasonable period, the stone will be removed.
12. No headstone is permitted to be erected unless the exclusive right of burial has been purchased from the Parish Council, and the headstone fee has been paid.
13. A headstone is erected at the sole risk of the owner and the Parish Council takes no responsibility for any loss or damage however caused

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All correspondence to be addressed to the Clerk to the Council  
Office Hours: Tuesday to Thursday, 9.30 to 12.30.