RYHALL & BELMESTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL
RYHALL & BELMESTHORPE CEMETERY
RULES AND REGULATIONS

These Rules and Regulations have been compiled to enable The Parish Council to maintain the cemetery in a tidy and respectful manner. Maintenance cost continue to rise and it is the Parish Council's role to keep costs within practical measures and to enable grass cutting and strimming to regularly take place to maintain the grass areas around graves and memorial plots. We therefore ask grave owners to adhere to the requests below.

ACCESS

1. The Cemetery will be open to members of the public at all times.
2. Cycling is not permitted within the Cemetery.
3. Dogs are permitted but must be kept on a lead at all times. No dog fouling.
4. No vehicles are permitted within the Cemetery ground except those of:
   A person duly authorised by the Council to perform any work within the Cemetery
   A person who due to exceptional circumstances has been given prior permission by the Council
   Elderly/persons with a disability requiring special access

OFFENCES

5. Under the Local Authority Cemeteries Order 1977, Section 18, no person shall :
   a) Prevent, interrupt or delay by any violent or indecent behaviour the burial of any body
   b) Create any disturbance or cause a nuisance within any part of the Cemetery
   c) Interfere willfully with any grave, vault, tombstone, memorial, or any flowers, plants or other such matter
   d) Use indecent or obscene language to the annoyance of any person within the Cemetery
   e) Carelessly use or throw lighted matches, throw stones or any other missiles, play any games or sport in any part of the Cemetery

PENALTIES

6. Any person offending against any of these offences are liable for prosecution.

MEMORIAL POLICY

7. All memorials must meet the Memorial Masons National Association of Memorial Masons (NAMM) registered stone mason Code of Working Practice and be provided with adequate foundations according to its size and weight. Only first quality materials are to be used, and all joints of the memorial and foundation are to be properly secured.
8. Only memorial headstones are allowed, no kerb or fillings are permitted
9. No stone less than 75mm in thickness shall be used in the construction of any memorials unless permission is obtained from the Council, with the exception of a memorial garden tablet.
9. Applications, together with drawings of all proposed memorials and a copy of the inscriptions, must be submitted to The Cemetery Administrator for approval.
10. Before final fixing/securing takes place, all memorials should be checked to ensure correct grave location and alignment.
11. No memorial will be allowed in the cemetery except on the condition that the memorial be erected and remain at the owner's sole risk. The Council shall not be held responsible for any damage which may occur to the memorial.
12. All memorials must be kept in good repair by the Owner. The Council reserves the right to make safe any memorial which is allowed to fall into disrepair or become dangerous and to charge the

owners for the costs of this work. The Council will make every effort to contact the Owner and give them the opportunity to do so prior to this.

13. The name of the firm supplying or erecting a memorial may be cut in small letters at the back of the memorial and nowhere else. No other form of advertising or canvassing within the Cemetery will be permitted.
14. Monumental Masons must remove all surplus earth or debris after fixing or removing a memorial and leave the whole area in a neat and tidy condition. They shall use such means as may be necessary to protect the grass, plants and nearby graves from damage.
15. Vehicles conveying memorials into the Cemetery must keep to the carriageways. Broad-wheeled trucks must be used for erecting and removing memorials~~. from the vehicle to the place of erection.~~

Graves

16. Headstone size on a single grave must not exceed 92cm (3') high by 75cm (30") wide (not including the base). The base must not exceed 92cm (3') wide.
17. Headstone size on a double grave must not exceed 92cm (3') high by 150cm (59") wide (not including the base). The base must not exceed 122cm (4') wide.
18. Graves should be grass with no kurbs, walls, railings or fillings
19. Vaults are not permitted in the cemetery

Memorial Garden

20. In the memorial garden, only approved design tablets are allowed and may be erected on a plinth of an appropriate material. Tablet size must not exceed 45cmx45cmx10cm and the plinth if used, must not exceed 60cmx60cmx5cm and must be flush with the grass surround.
21. Flowers and tributes should be placed within the boundary of the headstones only.

INTERMENTS

22. At least 48 hours' notice (exclusive of weekends) must be given prior to any interment.
23. Exclusive Rights of Burial for any new grave will be issued for a period of 100 Years. Transfers of Rights can take place and will be issued for the number of years remaining on the original grant at the time of transfer.
24. Reserved graves will not be opened or any work carried out until the Owner or representative gives written consent. See details of Family Succession information
25. All coffins or urns must be placed with at least 60cm of soil above them.
26. New Interments. Flowers and wreaths may be placed on the actual area of the grave, but the Council reserves the right to remove these after 6 months. Some disturbance to floral tributes may be necessary if further interments occur in adjacent grave spaces. Any floral tributes that are displaced from the original gravesite will be replaced where possible. All visitors are expected to take any rubbish away from the cemetery or use the bin provided.
27. The Council reserves the right to remove or request removal of anything which it deems is not in keeping with the cemetery.
28. Before a grave is re-opened it is essential to check all the details prior to the interment and to ensure that the grave owner has given any consent to re-open.
29. Appropriate fees will need to be paid to Ryhall Parish Council and are as stated on the website.