

ST SAVIOUR'S PAROCHIAL CEMETERY
(Established 1923)

REGULATIONS – translated from the original French, with several minor amendments, as approved at various times by the ratepayers.

1. The Cemetery shall be called THE ST SAVIOUR'S PAROCHIAL CEMETERY and for administrative purposes any financial call on ratepayers will be part of the secular budget.
2. The Cemetery shall be for the use of all residents of the Parish of St Saviour, and those resident in the parish shall have the right to be buried therein. Requests from persons who do not live in St Saviour and who would like to be buried in the Cemetery will be allowed at the total discretion of the Committee, having taken due consideration of previous connection(s) with the parish of St Saviour.
3. The Committee shall consist of 5 members who shall be ratepayer's resident in the parish and shall be appointed by the Douzaine.
4. The Committee shall elect its President, Secretary and Treasurer (the Executive Officers). The President shall preside at Committee meetings and assemblies and shall have a casting vote in the event of no clear decision being made. The Secretary may be paid a remuneration, such sum to be approved by the Committee.
5. All work carried out in the Cemetery shall be under the direction of the Committee.
6. The Committee shall submit to the Constables an estimate of the money required for the annual cost for maintaining the Cemetery and (subject to approval of the Douzaine) this sum shall be part of the annual Secular Remede presented to ratepayers.
7. The Cemetery shall be divided into sections separated by paths, and the sections into grave plots. Each grave plot shall measure 9 feet 9 inches by 4 feet. Each plot shall be numbered, commencing at no 1 in each section, and these numbers will correspond with the numbers on the detailed scale plan in the possession of the Committee.
8. A plot shall be the sole property of the purchaser, to descend in direct line to his/her heirs if not disposed of by will. The owner of the plot shall not sell or otherwise dispose of it, except by will, without first obtaining the consent of the Committee.
9. No coffin shall be less than four feet from the surface of the ground. Caskets containing ashes shall be buried at least 14 inches below the surface.
10. Except by permission of the Committee new graves shall be dug in rotation following the numbers of the grave plots in the section being used for burials.
11. The grave digger shall be chosen by the Committee and remuneration agreed.
12. The Committee shall direct the removal of all surplus ground arising from the digging of graves.
13. The price of grave plots shall be fixed by the Committee.
14. In normal circumstances at least 48 hours' notice must be given to the Secretary prior to a burial. This may be reduced in cases where the Secretary agrees that there is exceptional urgency.
15. All burials shall take place between the hours of sunrise and sunset.

16. If more than one burial is to take place on the same day, the Secretary shall determine the interval between burials.
17. All payments must be made to the Treasurer.
18. The Secretary shall keep the following registers:
 - a) Register of graves containing the number and situation of each grave, the name of the person who has bought the grave plot and the names of every person buried in it.
 - b) Register of burials containing the name, age, description and address, dates of death and burial, cause of death, hour of burial, name of clergyman or person officiating, the number of the grave and the height of ground above each coffin.
19. After the general expenses of the Cemetery have been provided for, the balance, if any, shall be banked to the credit of the Cemetery Committee.
20. The Treasurer's accounts shall be submitted annually to the Committee for approval and then will be included in the annual Constables' accounts.
21. As from December 1966 no kerbs, tiles, railings or other means of enclosing a grave plot may be placed around a grave. No slabs, gravel etc may be placed across the surface of a grave. It is permissible to sow grass, which the gardeners will mow, but not to put plants into the soil.
22. No grave stone or other distinguishing mark shall be placed or removed from the grave without the Committee's permission. Wooden or metal markers may not be placed on a grave. Inscriptions are subject to the approval of the Committee. Grave stones or other memorials which in the opinion of the Committee appear to be in a state of neglect may be removed by the order of the Committee after the notice of that intention has been given to the owner if he or she can be traced. The owner of the grave shall be responsible for the proper care, repair and general upkeep of the stone, marker or memorial placed on the grave. A temporary wooden cross may be put in place for up to one year whilst the ground settles.
23. As from January 2020, no glass items may be placed on the graves or placed in the Garden of Rest.
24. Vases and items placed in the Garden of Rest may not obscure any inscriptions on any of the plaques.
25. It is permissible to scatter ashes on the area of land between Plot A and the Garden of Rest.
26. Any items that are dead or broken may be removed by the Committee.
27. The Douzaine may at any time add to or modify these regulations.

Approved by St Saviour's Douzaine March 2020