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Cemetery Address: Louth Road West Ashby, LN9

Introduction

West Ashby Parish Council (the “Council”) is the burial authority for West Ashby Parish. These regulations set out in simple terms the Council’s policy with regards to the operation, maintenance and safety of the Cemetery

The Cemetery is an open space available for all to visit. It is a place for remembrance, peace and quiet reflection and the Parish Council endeavours to ensure that it maintains the Cemetery for that purpose. The overall care of the cemetery is the responsibility of West Ashby Parish Council.

The regulations are made so that a tranquil and dignified atmosphere can be maintained, and the Council ask for your cooperation.

CEMETERY REGULATIONS & TABLE OF FEES

- 1. The Council would prefer, where possible, to be given not less than 7 days’ notice to the Clerk (details above) for a burial or interment of ashes in the cemetery or a scattering of ashes in the Cemetery. However, if a decedent’s representatives request a swifter burial, then this will be accommodated and the decedent’s representatives are asked to contact the Clerk as soon as possible, or any member of the Parish Council who will assist with the utmost urgency.**
- 2. All fees and payments are set out in the schedule of cemetery fees must be paid to the Council and be cleared funds prior to burial, or interment.**
- 3. Burials are not permitted on Saturdays, Sundays or Bank Holidays**
- 4. Burial in West Ashby Cemetery is only available to persons who live, or have previously lived, within the present parish boundary of West Ashby as exists from time to time (“Residents”).**
- 5. In order to qualify for the Resident rates, any person to be buried must have lived within the boundaries of the Parish for not less than two years out of the previous five and be able to evidence the same at the reasonable request of the Council .**
- 6. Any person who has not previously lived within the present parish boundary of West Ashby but has an immediate family member (being usually a spouse, parent, child, or grandchild) buried in West Ashby Cemetery, permission may also be granted by the Council for the burial but, fees will be charged at non-resident rate.**
- 7. The Council’s decision on whether a person has an immediate family member buried in the Cemetery is final.**
- 8. Residents of any residential care facility within West Ashby Parish boundary who do not have a previous West Ashby address or immediate family member interred in West Ashby Cemetery, may also be granted permission to be buried in West Ashby Cemetery, fees will be charged at the non-resident rate.**

9. Grave Plots can only be reserved for natural legal persons as exist at the time of reservation i.e. plots cannot be reserved for unborn children or unnamed persons. Any plots reserved as such will be vacated by the Council without refund of any fees. .
10. Dogs or other pets are allowed in the cemetery but must be kept on a lead / caged at all times, and must be cleared up after. Any persons found to be in breach of this rule will not be permitted into the Cemetery.
11. West Ashby Cemetery is a lawn type cemetery to allow for ease of maintenance and will be mown regularly by the Parish Council including over plots. Flagstones, kerbstones, stones or fencing or any other forms of enclosure or border are not permitted nor is trenching, gravelling or other forms of boundary marking.
 - Potted or planted trees or shrubs are not permitted on or near the grave.
 - Windmills, chimes or other similar ornaments are not allowed on graves or cremation plots.
 - Glass vases, jars or glass ornaments are not allowed on graves or cremation plots.
 - The Parish Council reserves the right to remove these additions.
12. Only natural flowers are permitted without plastic wrapping or adornment; all wreaths and flowers, when past their best will be removed, as will any artificial flowers.
13. The allocation of plots for graves shall be determined at the discretion of the Council. A maximum of 6 ashes caskets can be interred into a family ashes plot. It is not permissible to intern ashes in an existing burial plot.
14. The dimensions of any headstone on a grave shall not exceed 3 feet (91cm) in height above ground level and 2 feet 3 inches (69cm) in width and 3 inches (7.5cm) in thickness. Any other memorial will require the prior approval of the Council.
15. Permission to erect memorials should be obtained from the Council and should only be installed by prior appointment to ensure that no other burials or internments are taking place at that time. Any memorials must be fitted by accredited monumental masons who adhere to current industry guidelines and who carry their own public liability insurance.
16. The representatives of the decedent of a memorial are responsible for any maintenance or repairs in perpetuity,.
17. If it is clear in the reasonable opinion of the Council that a memorial has been abandoned a notice shall be placed upon it for a period of 3 months inviting the representatives of the decedent to contact the Council with regards to any requirement maintenance or repair. If the Council is not contacted within this time then the Council will arrange for the repair, or removal of the memorial. These time requirements will be waived in the event of repairs that are, in the absolute discretion of the Council, urgent for health and safety reasons. The Council is not under any obligation to repair or replace any headstone / memorial.
18. The dimensions of a plaque over cremated remains shall not exceed 12 inches (30cm) square and be of a suitable stone (black granite or York stone is preferred) and shall be laid flush with the ground. A memorial or flower holder may be placed immediately adjacent but must not exceed 12 inches (30cm) in height.
19. The Parish Council reserves the right to tidy up neglected or untended graves.
20. The Council shall be indemnified by persons carrying out any work in the cemetery against any claims arising from all works. The Council accepts no liability for claims arising from work carried out by third parties.
21. The Council accepts no responsibility for damage or loss howsoever caused.
22. On at least an annual basis, the Parish Council will appoint specified Councillors to conduct visual checks on memorial headstones. Memorials are covered under the Public Liability section of the Parish Council insurance policy.

23. No vehicles are allowed in the Cemetery without written permission of the Council save for the Council's appointed contractors and/or representatives.

Current Table of Fees

Date Effective: 10th September 2025

Activity	Basis	Resident Fees	Non Resident Fee (once eligibility has been confirmed)
Burial & Interment Fees			
Exclusive right of burial for a period of 50 years from reservation of a plot(s). Granted in occurrence of death.	For a grave space 8' x 4' (single depth) (Fees include Deed of Grant)	£200	£400
	For a space for cremated remains (single depth) (Fees include Deed of Grant)	£200	£400
	* Burial of cremated remains - where exclusive rights of burial have been granted	£100	£200
	* Interment - where exclusive right of burial has been granted	£300	£600
	* Scattering of ashes (In designated area)	£100	£200
Headstone and Monument Inscriptions			
For the right to erect on a grave a headstone as specified in paragraph 10		£100	£200
For the right to erect on a grave a headstone as specified in paragraph 11		£100	£200
	Additional Inscription on an existing memorial	£100	£200
	Replacement headstone/memorial	£100	£200

***Fees do not include grave diggers charges**

All fees are payable to West Ashby Parish Council By BACS, cheque, or cash.

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Transfer to Exclusive Right of Burial	<i>Transfer of burial rights from one purchaser to another eligible purchaser.</i>	£200	£400

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Last Reviewed: September 2025**Review Due: September 2026**