

BARROWBY PARISH COUNCIL

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BARROWBY BURIAL GROUND MEMORIAL BENCH POLICY

Introduction

Barrowby Parish Council is the Burial Authority for Barrowby Burial Ground, and the Responsible Officer for the Burial Authority is The Clerk to the Parish Council.

Barrowby Parish Council recognises the need to allow memorial benches on land in its' ownership or care. Therefore, the Parish Council will ensure the issue is managed and regulated for the benefit of all.

It is the intention that the policy only covers broad common issues and is not meant to be exhaustive. The content of the policy will be reviewed regularly.

Memorial Benches

Subject to there being a suitable location, the Parish Council must approve the type of bench and reserves the right to refuse any application which it deems unsuitable.

Memorials will not be permitted for pets.

Wording on plaques must be approved by the Clerk or Assistant Clerk.

No additional mementoes e.g. vases, statues, flowers, wreaths, balloons, photographs or any other ornamentation shall be permitted. No scattering of ashes will be permitted.

Locations

Barrowby Parish Council can only grant permission for memorials on land owned or managed by the Parish Council.

Memorial Dedication Period

Memorials will remain in position whilst they remain in good repair. The Parish Council accepts no replacement liability for damage to any memorial from vandals, third parties or whilst the Parish Council undertakes routine maintenance.

Costs

All costs or donations towards memorial benches must be paid in advance.

The Parish Council will notify the applicant in the event that a memorial bench is damaged or require repair.

The responsibility and cost of repair will be for the applicant. The applicant must ensure the Parish Council is in possession of current contact details. Any repair by a third party will be in strict agreement with the Parish Council.

The Parish Council reserves the right to remove any memorial benches that have been damaged and are in the view of the Parish Council beyond economic repair or have not been repaired within 4 weeks of the notification referred to above.

The Parish Council accepts no replacement liability for the plaque or the bench at the end of its useful life.

Only high quality, durable benches will be permitted.

Benches must be installed on a hard standing appropriate to the location of the bench.