GREAT GONERBY PARISH COUNCIL

CEMETERY INFORMATION

The Council owns and maintains the two cemeteries in Great Gonerby Parish.

The cemetery grounds are open daily from 9.00 am to 6.00 pm or 'dusk'.

Enquiries to the Cemetery Burial Officer:

Telephone: 07890 163707 or Email: rfo@greatgonerbyparish.gov.uk

Memorials

Any grave which has been allocated an Exclusive Right of Burial may apply to have a memorial installed. Before any memorial is placed in the cemetery, a drawing showing the dimensions, integral doweling of all components, ground anchoring method, type of material and finish and the inscription and type of lettering to be inscribed on the memorial shall be submitted to the Burials Officer prior to the intended fixing in the cemetery.

Given the technical nature of the information required, the Parish Council recommends that your chosen stonemason make the memorial application on your behalf. The Parish Council reserves the right to reject an application. Applications will be determined within 15 days.

Memorial Safety Check

The Parish Council undertakes safety checks of memorials in the cemetery to ensure that there are no memorials which have become unsafe. Safety checks are carried out periodically and at least every five years.

Memorials can become unsafe for a variety of reasons, mainly due to the fixings becoming worn. Safety checks are undertaken as sensitively as possible and at the first

sign a memorial is becoming loose, a notice is placed on the memorial to ask the family to get in contact with the Parish Council to discuss how to make it safe.

In the worst-case scenario where a memorial is considered to be dangerous if left upright, the Parish Council reserves the right to lay down any such memorial under Health and Safety guidelines to prevent any danger to the general public under the LACO 1977 Order 'Affecting Dangerous Memorials'. This would be a last resort and all efforts will be made to contact the family prior to this action being undertaken where possible.

Winter Funerals

From 01 December to 31 March, burials should not take place before 10am and after 2pm due to limited daylight hours at the request of the gravedigger. Ashes interments can take place outside of these hours.

Burials outside of these hours may be permitted in exceptional circumstances and should you wish to discuss this further, please contact the Burials Officer using the details above.

Useful Links:

Cemetery Fees 2026-2027