

# **Fulford Parish Council**

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## **Notice of Changes made to Fulford Cemetery Burial Services from 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

As part of steps to manage the impact of Coronavirus and taking into account national guidance relating to social distancing, Fulford Cemetery remains closed to visitors before 12.30 pm each weekday and has made alterations to its cemetery services as follows.

From Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> July, the number of mourners permitted at burials will be restricted as follows:

- The maximum number of attendees at any burial is set at 30 to include Funeral Director and funeral staff
- Only close family members should attend except where the bereaved has requested the attendance of a particular celebrant
- Attendance of any mourner showing symptoms of Covid-19 is prohibited
- Mourners who are self-isolating due to a person in their household showing symptoms of Covid-19 may attend but measures should be put in place by them to minimise any risk of transmission
- Mourners who are shielding or who are clinically vulnerable may attend, and again, measures should be put in place by them to reduce risk of transmission
- Anyone at the high-risk category who has been contacted by the NHS to stay at home should refrain from attending.
- Funeral Directors to be advised of this policy when arranging the burial and to be advised of their duty to inform the bereaved
- Where immediate family have been at risk of exposure to the virus from the deceased wherever possible arrangements for the burial will be made for a date after expiry of the 14 day self-isolation period
- All attendees will be required to adhere to social distancing regulations to include maintenance of 2 metres distance apart or 1+ metres distance with face coverings for those outside of households or support bubbles
- Attendance within the Cemetery grounds will be granted for the purpose of the burial service but attendees must leave the grounds within 15 minutes of the service.
- No limousines will be permitted within Fulford Cemetery and funeral vehicles will be limited to the hearse only;

- Should attendees wish to back fill the grave, the funeral director or family must also bring their own spades for this purpose;
- No pre-purchase of grave space will be permitted until further notice;
- Stonemasons will only be permitted entry to Fulford Cemetery by arrangement with the Cemetery Superintendent and must respect social distancing regulations at all times.

If mourners do not respect social distancing rules when asked, the Parish Council staff will backfill the grave only when mourners are a safe distance away and the Parish Council may reduce numbers again or withdraw mourner participation at the graveside.

Following guidance issued in the week ending 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2020, burials may be booked and continue to go ahead subject to the restrictions outlined above in terms of number of mourners and backfilling of graves.

The elderly and anyone with underlying health conditions and pregnant women are particularly encouraged to pay attention to current government guidance and to consider avoiding attendance at a burial or graveside service. Please refer to recent government advice on social distancing. For further information relating to government advice regarding social distancing, please see: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-on-social-distancing-and-for-vulnerable-people/guidance-on-social-distancing-for-everyone-in-the-uk-and-protecting-older-people-and-vulnerable-adults>

Any further updates will be available via the Parish Council website and Facebook page <https://www.fulfordparishcouncil.org.uk/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/FulfordParishCouncilYorkshire/>

Any funeral bookings will, as usual, be booked by Mr Stuart McCabe, Cemetery Superintendent and he can be contacted on 01904 633151 or by email to [cemetery@fulfordpc.org.uk](mailto:cemetery@fulfordpc.org.uk).

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