

# Fulford Parish Council

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## Notice of Revised Changes made to Fulford Cemetery Burial Services and Cemetery Regulations from 7 October 2020

### Visiting Fulford Cemetery:

As part of steps to manage the impact of Coronavirus and taking account of national guidance relating to social distancing, Fulford Cemetery is open to visitors during the following winter opening hours:

Monday to Friday 12.30pm - 5pm;

Weekends and Bank Holidays 8am - 5pm.

Vehicular access is only available for cemetery vehicles, funeral hearses and stonemasons' vehicles in the course of essential maintenance. Blue Badge Holders and those with mobility problems may also be granted vehicular access by appointment, made in advance by contacting the Cemetery Superintendent on 01904 633151 or [cemetery@fulfordpc.org.uk](mailto:cemetery@fulfordpc.org.uk). There are 2 appointment slots per weekday, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.

All visitors to Fulford Cemetery must respect social distancing guidelines at all times. Wherever possible, enquiries must be made by telephone or email. Anyone requiring access to the Cemetery office that is unable to make their enquiry by telephone or email must wear a face mask and use the hand sanitiser available on entry. A screen has been installed to protect visitors and Cemetery employees and social distancing must be observed.

### Fulford Cemetery Services:

The following alterations to Fulford Cemetery's services in line with Coronavirus guidance are:

The number of attendees permitted at burials will be restricted to a maximum of 30 as follows:

- A maximum of 4 pall bearers and the Funeral Director may be present at burial and graveside services;
- A maximum of 26 mourners may be present at burial and graveside services and will be asked to remain at a safe distance and allowed forward once the pall bearers have moved away;
- No limousines will be permitted within Fulford Cemetery and funeral vehicles will be limited to the hearse only;
- The Parish Council asks that mourners respect the 2 metre social distance rule at the graveside at all times.
- Should attendees wish to back fill the grave, the funeral director or family must also bring their own spades for this purpose;
- The pre-purchase of allocated grave space service has resumed.

Mourners must respect social distancing rules. The Parish Council staff will backfill the grave only when mourners are a safe distance away. Should the guidelines change or social distancing not be observed, the Parish Council may withdraw mourner participation at the graveside.

Following guidance received, burials may be booked and proceed 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 enquiries or funeral bookings should, as usual, be made with 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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