

Fulford Parish Council

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Notice of Changes made to Fulford Cemetery Burial Services from 24th March 2020

As part of steps to manage the impact of Coronavirus and taking into account national guidance relating to social distancing, Fulford Parish Council closed Fulford Cemetery to visitors from 24th March and has made alterations to its cemetery services as follows.

From Wednesday 25th March, the number of mourners permitted at burials will be restricted as follows:

- A maximum of 4 pall bearers and the Funeral Director may be present at burial and graveside services;
- A maximum of 10 mourners may now 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;
- No pre-purchase of grave space will be permitted until further notice;
- Stonemasons will not be permitted entry to Fulford Cemetery from close of business on 24th March 2020 until further notice.

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 withdraw mourner participation at the graveside.

Following guidance issued in the week ending 22nd 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.

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