

CHARFIELD PARISH COUNCIL



Charfield Burial Ground Procedure During Coronavirus COVID-19 Quarantine Restrictions

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Introduction

1. The UK Government instigated self-isolation and shielding quarantine restrictions during March 2020 following the declaration of a Coronavirus COVID-19 pandemic. Along with those restrictions most public facilities including schools, village halls, certain retail facilities and play areas were closed for public use. The Government also imposed a strict 2m social distancing rule.
2. Local Authority cemeteries and burial grounds are exempt from these restrictions. Charfield Parish Council is the burial authority for Charfield Burial Ground, Churchend Lane. Therefore the Parish Council has imposed the following procedure which will remain in force until the quarantine restrictions are lifted by the UK Government.
3. Government restrictions permit only 30 persons to attend the burial/interment whilst still observing the strict 2m social distancing rule.
4. The following Procedures adhered to all Government imposed social distancing restrictions.

Procedure for a Full Burial or Interment of Ashes

5. Notification received from Funeral Director applying for a full burial or interment of ashes.
6. Clerk to confirm that deceased is eligible to be buried/interred within the Burial Ground.
7. Clerk to email Parish Councillors to obtain approval which will be noted and resolved at the next appropriately convened meeting of the Parish Council.
8. Clerk to advise Funeral Director accordingly and ensure all relevant Charfield Parish Council Burial Ground Forms are completed.
9. On the day before the burial/interment, the Clerk will then attend the Burial Ground, mark out the plot and leave.
10. Grave digger will attend the plot, prepare and leave.
11. If a burial is required, the Clerk will attend the Burial Ground on the day of the burial and unlock the Burial Ground Double Gates and leave. The funeral director will be instructed to re-secure the gates once the burial has taken place. There is no requirement for the Gates to be opened for an ashes interment.
12. The funeral director to send the payment, DIS and all other burial forms to the Clerk by post.
13. The Grave Digger to attend the Burial Ground to back-fill the plot immediately following the burial/interment.
14. The day following the burial/interment the Clerk to attend the Burial Ground to ensure the Gates are secure and the Burial Ground is in order.