

EASINGTON PARISH COUNCIL – REPORT ON CEMETERY FEES

Easington Parish Council has a lovely Cemetery down Humber Lane Easington which is well managed and tended by Mike Welton on behalf of the Parish Council. Mike has carried out the work dealing with Burials/Interment of Ashes and the associated recording and documentation for many years and has done this without receiving any payment from Easington Parish Council. He has also ensured we are kept up to date with any problems as and when they arise.

The main cost for ensuring that the Cemetery is kept in a neat and tidy state is for Grass Cutting and Trimming of Hedges and Trees.

The Cemetery Fees are collected usually via Cheque by Mike and passed to the Clerk who in turn ensures that they are banked.

The last time that the Cemetery Fees were assessed was in 2015, and it is apparent that these do now need increasing.

We have received suggested Fees from Mike Welton but in order to review and decide I have looked at the Fees received from the Cemetery since 2016 together with the Grass Cutting costs during this period.

For comparison purposes please see table below:

Year	Cemetery Fees (£)	Grass Cutting Costs (£)	Rates & Trade Waste	Total Expenditure	Difference
2016/2017	435.00 (4 B or I and 3 Headstones)	1111.33	176.94	1288.27	- 853.27
2017/2018	120.00 (2 B or I)	1558.00	181.17	1739.17	-1619.17
2018/2019	395.00 (2 B or I)	1200.00	191.65	1391.65	- 996.65
2019/2020	600.00 (2 B or I)	1408.00	207.25	1615.25	-1015.25
2020/2021	715.00 (4 B or I)	1408.00	224.04	1632.04	-917.04
2021/2022 (to date)	760.00 (3 B or I)	1800.00	132.86	1932.86	-1172.86
					-6574.24

6574.24 split over 6 years being an average of 1095.71 per year

Burials/Interments over 6 years is on average 3

Therefore, we need to increase each Burial cost by around £365.00 just to break even and this does not include all the costs for cutting Hedges.

Currently the Fees are:

For Comparison Purposes (as of September 2021)					
Description	Easington	Suggested Fee as from 01/01/2022	Patrington	Keyingham	Withernsea
Adult Grave	120.00	450.00	200.00	440.00	445/855
Child 1 Month to 12 Years	60.00	Free	Free	Free	Free
Still Born Child	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free
Grave in old Section if available	100.00	450.00	N/A	N/A	N/A
Interment of Ashes in a new ½ Size Grave	60.00	250.00	100.00	220.00	655.00
Interment of Ashes in an existing Grave	50.00	150.00	50.00	110.00	-
Documentation /Interment Fee	60.00	100.00	85.00	55.00	Included within grave fee
Right to Erect a Headstone on a purchased grave	50.00	100.00	40.00	100.00	
Top up of grave with soil	--	Nil	44..00	--	--

Kerb sets surrounding a grave are not allowed, All fees are double the above in the event of the person being a non-parishioner. (i.e., living outside the Parish Boundary)