

# Goudhurst Parish Council



## BURIAL AUTHORITY

Minutes of a Meeting held on 19 March 2024 at 1.00pm in The Hop Bine

### PARTICIPANTS

**Councillors Present:** Cllrs Antony Harris, Geoff Mason and Caroline Richards.

**Officers Present:** Mrs Claire Reed, Clerk.

### APOLOGIES

713/23 Were received from Edward Hodgskin (working) and Phil Kirkby (working).

### DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

714/23 There were none.

### QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

715/23 There were none.

### MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

716/23 It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the Burial Authority meetings held on 21 and 28 November 2023, copies of which had been made available to members prior to the meeting via Board Intelligence.

### MEMORIAL APPLICATIONS

717/23 It was **resolved** to approve the application for a memorial to the late Frank William and Ingeborg Jennette Bass as presented at the meeting.

### WEED CONTROL

718/23 It was **resolved** to approve the expenditure of £360.00 for weed control on the ashes plots, the base of St Mary's Church and footpaths running through St Mary's Churchyard. It was **noted** that the weed killer will be a more natural, no- glyphosate, product.

719/23 The Clerk was asked to obtain a quote from the Council's contractor for weed control (also natural, no- glyphosate) at Christ Church, Kilndown as in previous years. **Action: Clerk**

### MEMORIAL BENCHES

720/23 It was **noted** that a supplier of suitable plaques needed to be found so the cost for memorials on the new benches could be established. **Action: Clerk**

### BURIAL FEES 2024-25

721/23 It was **resolved** to increase burial fees by 5% for 2024-25 in line with the increase in precept. The new fees, valid from 01 April 2024, can be found in appendix 1. **Action: Clerk**

### MEETING DATES

722/23 It was **resolved** to hold the Burial Authority meetings in June and September at 6pm in the Church Rooms preceded by a review of the cemeteries and for the November and March meetings to be held at 1pm in the Parish Office.

### ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

723/23 It was **noted** that the Clerk had finally received confirmation of permission to fell the self-seeded Cyprus tree growing out of a grave in the Victorian Cemetery.

724/23 It was **noted** that work to clear the area at the south end of the Burial Ground had been completed. It was proposed that the gravediggers be asked to deposit any detritus to the west side to prevent obstruction of the PROW to the Lower Glebe field to the east and that a new bin be placed at the bottom of the driveway to prevent rubbish being left in the area as was previously done.

725/23 Works to the hedges in the Burial Grounds are well under way with the remaining works due to take place in April once the ground is firmer and subject to there not being any birds present.

#### DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

Next Burial Authority Meeting, Tuesday 18 June 2024, 6.00pm in the Church Rooms, preceded by a walk around the Burial Ground at 5.45pm for those available.

The meeting closed at 2.07pm

Claire Reed  
Clerk

## Goudhurst Burial Fees

These charges apply from 01 April 2024 and are valid to 31 March 2025

Goudhurst Parish Council is the statutory Burial Authority for the civil Parish of Goudhurst and has adopted these Regulations in accordance with the powers given to it by the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977.

At the discretion of the Goudhurst Burial Authority, a 50% discount will be applied to these fees if the deceased was a parishioner at the time of their death. Evidence of residency is required.

On application, for those who are local residents of the civil Parish of Goudhurst, no fee is payable in respect of a burial within 16 years of birth.

### GRAVES

	<b>Full fee</b>
<b>Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial in an earthen grave</b> For a period of 35 years	£1,575.00
<b>Interment Fee</b> The fee does not include digging	£485.00
<b>Approval for Memorial Headstones and Inscriptions</b> Please see the Goudhurst Burial Authority Regulations	£305.00
<b>Approval for an additional inscription</b>	£305.00

### CREMATED REMAINS

<b>Grant of Exclusive Right of Burial in the ashes section</b> For a period of 35 years	£1,250.00
<b>Interment Fee (Maximum of 2 interments per plot)</b> The fee does not include digging	£485.00
<b>Approval for Memorial Tablets and Inscriptions</b> Please see the Goudhurst Burial Authority Regulations	£305.00
<b>Approval for an additional inscription</b>	£305.00

### BURIAL GRANTS – CHANGE OF OWNERSHIP

Registration of Change of Ownership of Graves and Ashes Plots	£55.00
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### MEMORIAL BENCHES

Approval for the introduction of a memorial bench	£55.00
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