

BYELAWS

WITH REGULATIONS AND
TABLE OF FEES

Made by the

Chevening Parish Council
Burial Authority

With respect to

CHEVENING
BURIAL GROUND

1943.

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BURIAL AUTHORITY with respect to the MANAGEMENT of
the BURIAL GROUND provided by them and charges for the use
of the same.

- 1.—Throughout these byelaws.
The "Burial Authority" means the Chevening Parish Council
Burial Authority.
The "Burial Ground" means the Burial Ground provided by
the Burial Authority and situate at Chevening.
"Grave" means a burial place formed in the ground by
excavation and without any internal wall of brickwork or stone
work or any other artificial lining.
"Vault" includes underground burial-places of every
description, except graves to which the word "grave" interpreted
as aforesaid applies.
- 2.—Every person who, in the burial ground, causes a vault to be
built for use as a burial place shall cause it to be enclosed with walls
constructed of
 - (1) good whole bricks or stone properly bonded and solidly put
together, with good mortar compounded of good lime and
clean sharp sand or other suitable material, or with good
cement, or with good cement mixed with clean sharp
sand; or
 - (2) other good hard and suitable material properly and solidly
put together.
- 3.—A person shall not, in the burial ground, cause a body to be
buried in a grave in such a manner that any part of the coffin is at a
depth less than three feet below the level of the ground adjoining the
grave.
- 4.—A person shall not, in the burial ground, cause a body to be buried
in a grave unless the coffin is effectually separated from any other coffin
already in the grave by means of a layer of earth not less than six inches
in thickness.
- 5.—Where, in the burial ground, any grave is re-opened for the
purpose of making another interment therein, a person shall not disturb
any human remains interred therein or remove therefrom any soil which
is offensive.
- 6.—Every person, who, in the burial ground, buries a body in a vault
shall, within a period of twenty-four hours after the deposit in the vault
of the coffin containing the body, cause the coffin to be wholly and
permanently embedded in and covered with a layer or layers of good
cement concrete, not less in any part than six inches in thickness, or to
be wholly and permanently enclosed in a separate cell or receptacle
which shall be constructed of slate or stone flagging not less than two
inches in thickness, properly jointed in cement, or of good brickwork

in cement, and in such a manner as to prevent, as far as may be practicable, the escape of any noxious gas from the interior of the cell or receptacle.

7.—Every person who, in the burial ground, buries a body in a grave in respect of which an exclusive right of burial has been granted by the Burial Authority shall, as soon as conveniently may be after the lapse of such a period as may reasonably suffice for the natural subsidence of the earth with which the grave has been filled up, cause the surface of the grave to be properly covered with fresh turf, or with any grave stone or monument which, in pursuance of any grant by the Burial Authority, may lawfully be erected or placed on the grave.

8.—A person shall not, in the burial ground, by any violent or indecent behaviour, prevent, interrupt, or delay the decent and solemn burial of any body.

9.—Every person who offends against any of the foregoing byelaws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of five pounds, and in the case of a continuing offence to a further penalty of forty shillings for each day after written notice of the offence from the Burial Authority.

Provided, nevertheless, that the justices or court before whom any complaint may be made or any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence may, if they think fit, adjudge the payment as a penalty of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this byelaw.

CHEVENING PARISH COUNCIL BURIAL AUTHORITY.

CHEVENING BURIAL GROUND.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

GENERAL.

1.—The burial ground is divided into consecrated and unconsecrated ground.

2.—Notice of intended interments shall be given to the Clerk to the Burial Authority (on forms provided for the purpose) between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and 2.15 and 5 p.m. on weekdays except Saturdays when the hours will be 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. If the interment is to be in a common grave, two clear days' notice at least shall be given, and if the interment is to be in a vault three clear days' notice at least shall be given and in either case the notice shall be exclusive of Sundays. No notice will be received on Sundays. The Burial Authority strongly recommend that funerals on Sundays be avoided as far as practicable.

3.—All interments shall take place between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. from the 1st April to the 31st October inclusive; and between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. from the 1st November to the 31st March inclusive; but any other time may be fixed by special arrangement on payment of an extra fee of ten shillings. The exact hour in all cases shall be subject to arrangement with the officiating Minister.

4.—The time named for a funeral shall be that at which the cortege is to arrive at the burial ground. The Certificate for Disposal of the person to be buried, or the Coroner's Certificate where an inquest has been held, must be given to the officiating Minister.

5.—A Plan of the burial ground has been made upon which every grave space has been marked and each grave space has been sufficiently designated on the ground to correspond with such grave space on the plan.

6.—Each grave shall be dug as near as can be in the middle of its grave space.

7.—The selection of the grave spaces shall be subject to the approval of the Burial Authority, but the wishes of applicants will be met as far as practicable.

8.—A person who shall purchase a grave space not required for immediate interment shall forthwith, at his own cost, prepare and lay a flat stone in the centre of such grave space not less than 12 inches square, with the number and date of the grant of the grave space inscribed thereon.

9.—A Register of Burials will be kept by the Clerk to the Burial Authority, where at all reasonable times searches will be made and certified extracts obtained.

10.—The depth of every grave shall be recorded in the Register of Burials.

11.—All fees and charges of the Burial Authority are to be paid to the Clerk to the Burial Authority, on giving notice of interment and before the work is begun in respect of which they are payable.

12.—No dog will be allowed within the burial ground. Carriages, cabs or other vehicles will not be admitted except on business.

13.—The burial ground is open to the public on weekdays from 8 a.m. till sunset and on Sundays from 10 a.m. till sunset. Children under ten years of age will not be admitted except under the charge of a responsible person.

VAULTS AND BRICK GRAVES.

14.—Excavations for vaults and brick graves will be made by the Burial Authority, but all brickwork and masonry shall be executed by the purchaser of the grave.

15.—The brickwork of the sides and arch of every vault or brick grave shall be 9 inches thick at the least and the ends shall be $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches thick at the least; if the grave be not arched, a sufficient covering-stone shall be provided.

16.—No arches will be allowed above ground.

17.—The mode of re-opening vaults shall be subject to the approval of the Burial Authority.

EARTH GRAVES.

18.—Excavations for earth graves will be made by the Burial Authority and every such grave shall extend to the depth of 6 feet at least from the surface.

19.—Coffins of wood, wicker or other approved light material shall be used in earth graves.

20.—A portion of the burial ground is set apart for the interment of stillborn children whose graves shall extend to the depth of 4 feet at least from the surface.

MONUMENTS, &c.

21.—All gravestones, monuments, memorials and inscriptions shall be subject to the approval of the Burial Authority, and a copy of every inscription and a drawing showing the form and dimensions of every gravestone, monument or memorial proposed to be erected shall be deposited with the Clerk to the Burial Authority for approval.

22.—All monuments shall be constructed in a manner and of materials to be approved by the Burial Authority, and when commenced shall be proceeded with (weather permitting) from day to day until completed, or the sanction for their erection will be withdrawn.

23.—All gravestones, monuments and memorials shall be kept neat and clean and in good order by the owners thereof at their own expense, and in default thereof such gravestones, monuments and memorials shall be forfeited to the Burial Authority who shall be entitled to take possession thereof and remove or repair them as they may think fit.

24.—The Burial Authority reserve to themselves the right of placing and continuing upon any tomb, monument, memorial or stone, over vault or grave, their private mark of reference to every such vault or grave which shall be at the back of the tomb, monument, memorial or stone and shall not be removable by the owner.

25.—On payment of the prescribed fee, grave spaces may be enclosed with stone or other suitable material not exceeding 12 inches in height from the ground, with proper foundations. Such enclosures, as well as all planting and cultivating, shall be subject to the approval of the Burial Authority. Iron fencing for temporarily enclosing a grave space is not permitted.

26.—A deposit of Ten Shillings shall be made with the Clerk to the Burial Authority by all masons and others, prior to the erection or preparation or admission into the burial ground of any work in which they may be engaged, which will be repaid to them on clearing off all dirt and rubbish and reinstating any turf damage, or other injury done by them or their workmen, or, on their neglecting to do so, shall be applied towards such purposes as far as it will extend; they being held liable for any deficiency, and the decision of the Burial Authority, if appealed to in these cases, shall be final and binding on the parties.

FLOWERS.

27.—Crosses or wreaths of natural flowers are allowed to be placed on the graves in the burial ground.

WARNING.

28.—Any person who shall do any wilful damage within the burial ground, or play at any game therein, or commit any nuisance therein, or daub or disfigure any wall thereof, or put up any bill thereon, or on any wall thereof, or destroy, injure or deface any gravestone, monument, memorial or inscription, or any tree, or plant, within the burial ground, or pluck or steal any flower, or do any other damage whatsoever therein, or disturb any person therein assembled for the purpose of burying a body, is liable to forfeit to the Burial Authority for every such offence, a sum not exceeding Five Pounds.

TABLE OF CHARGES.

1. INTERMENTS.

(A) In graves for which no exclusive right of burial has been granted.

(i) For any interment which takes place within the prescribed times, viz., Nov. 1st to March 31st between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., April 1st to Oct. 31st between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., if the body is that of—
 (a) a still-born child, or a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed one month 0 5 0
 (b) a person whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed 12 years 0 10 6
 (c) a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 12 years 1 1 0
 (ii) For any interment which takes place outside the prescribed times (except in a case of emergency certificate by a registered Medical practitioner) an additional 0 10 0

(B) In graves or vaults for which an exclusive right of burial has been granted.

(i) For any interment which takes place within the prescribed times, viz., Nov. 1st to March 31st between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., April 1st to Oct. 31st between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., at a depth not exceeding eight feet, if the body is that of—

(a) a still-born child, or a child whose age at the time of death did not exceed one month 1 1 0 1 10 6
 (b) a person whose age at the time of death exceeded one month but did not exceed 12 years 2 2 0 3 3 0
 (c) a person whose age at the time of death exceeded 12 years 3 3 0 4 4 0
 (ii) For any interment at a depth exceeding eight feet, for each additional foot an additional 0 8 6 0 13 6
 (iii) For any interment which takes place outside the prescribed times (except in the case of emergency certificate by a coroner or registered Medical practitioner) in addition... 0 10 0 0 10 0

2. EXCLUSIVE RIGHTS OF BURIAL IN EARTHEN GRAVES.

For the exclusive right of burial in perpetuity in an earthen grave, eight feet by four feet ... Site A. Site B.
 £ s. d. £ s. d.
 ... 3 3 0 4 4 0

3. WALLED GRAVES AND VAULTS.

For the right to construct, including the exclusive right of burial therein in perpetuity—

(A) a walled grave, 8 feet by 4 feet ... 4 4 0 6 6 0
 (B) a vault, 8 feet by 4 feet ... 6 6 0 10 10 0

4. MONUMENTS, GRAVESTONES, TABLETS, and MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS.

For the right to erect or place—

(A) a flat stone occupying a superficial area not exceeding 6½ feet by 2½ feet ... 0 7 6 0 15 0

(B) a headstone

(i) not exceeding 3 feet in height
 (a) without footstone, kerbstones or border stones ... 0 10 6 1 1 0
 (b) with footstone not exceeding 1 foot in height ... 0 15 6 1 11 0
 (c) with footstone not exceeding 1 foot in height and kerbstones and border stones enclosing a space not exceeding 6 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches ... 1 6 0 2 12 0

(ii) exceeding 3 feet but not exceeding 5 feet in height

(a) without footstone, kerbstones or border stones ... 1 1 0 2 2 0
 (b) with footstone not exceeding 2 feet in height ... 1 8 6 2 17 0
 (c) with footstone not exceeding 2 feet in height and kerbstones or border stones enclosing a space not exceeding 6 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches ... 1 19 0 3 18 0

(C) a footstone—

(i) not exceeding one foot in height ... 0 5 0 0 10 0
 (ii) exceeding one foot in height and not exceeding 2 feet ... 0 7 6 0 15 0

Site A.
£ s. d.

Site B.
£ s. d.

(D) kerbstones or border stones enclosing a space not exceeding 6½ feet by 2¼ feet ... 0 10 6 1 1 0

(iii) with kerbstones or border stones enclosing a space not exceeding 6 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches ... 0 15 6 1 11 0

(E) a monument—

(i) in the form of a scroll or book

(a) without kerbstones or border stones ... 0 5 0 0 10 0

(b) with kerbstones or border stones enclosing a space not exceeding 6 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches ... 0 15 6 1 11 0

(iv) with footstone not exceeding 2 feet in height and kerbstones or border stones enclosing a space not exceeding 6 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches ... 1 0 6 2 1 0

(ii) in the form of a recumbent cross occupying a superficial area not exceeding 6 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches

(a) without footstone, kerbstones or border stones ... 0 10 6 1 1 0

(b) with footstone not exceeding 2 feet in height ... 0 15 6 1 11 0

(c) with kerbstones or border stones enclosing a space not exceeding 6 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches ... 1 1 0 2 2 0

(d) with footstone not exceeding 2 feet in height, kerbstones or border stones enclosing a space not exceeding 6 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches ... 1 6 0 2 12 0

(iii) in the form of a perpendicular cross or in any other form not exceeding five feet in height and occupying a superficial area not exceeding 6 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches.

(a) without footstone, kerbstones or border stones ... 1 1 0 2 2 0

(b) with footstone not exceeding 2 feet in height ... 1 6 0 2 12 0

(c) with kerbstones or border stones enclosing a space not exceeding 6 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches ... 1 11 6 3 3 0

(d) with footstone not exceeding 2 feet in height and kerbstones or border stones enclosing a space not exceeding 6 feet 6 inches by 2 feet 6 inches ... 1 16 6 3 13 0

(F) a tablet—

(i) without footstone or kerbstones or border stones ... 0 5 0 0 10 0

(ii) with footstone not exceeding 2 feet in height ... 0 10 0 1 0 0

GENERAL.

ALL SITES
s. d.

Entry in Register of Transfer ... 2 6
For searching Register of Burials—1st year ... 1 0
Ditto—every additional year ... 0 6
For each certified copy of entry and stamp duty ... 2 6
For searching Register of Graves ... 1 0
For each certified copy of entry from Register of Graves ... 2 7
Regulations and Table of Fees—per copy ... 0 6
Entry in Register of Grant of Purchased Ground ... 2 6
Certificate of Grant and Stamp ... 2 6

The foregoing fees, payments and sums will be doubled where a person is not an inhabitant or parishioner of the parish of Chevening or where neither of the parents of a still-born child is such an inhabitant or parishioner.

Provided that the said fees, payments and sums shall be increased by 50 (fifty) per centum where a person was formerly an inhabitant or parishioner of the said parish.

The divisions of the Burial Ground referred to in the foregoing Table as Sites A and B correspond respectively with the divisions shown on the Plan of the Ground signed by two members of the Chevening Parish Council on the third day of June, 1941, and deposited at Chevening Rectory.

At a Meeting of the Parish Council of Chevening held this first day of June, 1943, the foregoing Fees, Payments and Sums, payable under section 34 of the Burial Act, 1852, are hereby fixed and settled by the said Parish Council.

(Signed) PERCY R. HANN,

(Signed) THOMAS E. DIXON,

Members of the Parish Council.