

St Pierre du Bois Cemeteries Rules (revised March 2020)

General

1. The cemeteries of St Pierre du Bois (the Parish), being de Beauvoir Cemetery and La Croix Cemetery (hereinafter called the Cemeteries) shall be for all having right of burial therein, without distinction of sect or religious persuasion.
2. The Cemeteries shall be for the use of persons normally residing in the parish, but also for the burial (which in these Rules includes interment of ashes) of persons who have connections with the parish (for example: were born in the parish, have at one time resided in the parish, have family connections or close relatives buried in one of the cemeteries) at the discretion of the Cemeteries Committee. Burial of persons residing outside the western parishes and having no connection with St Peters will not be permitted.

Fees

3. The Committee shall review all fees and charges relating to the Cemeteries annually, and shall be responsible for fixing them, any amendment to take effect from 1 October.
4. Non-residents granted permission under Rule 2 shall be subject to a fee double the standard rate applicable at the time.
5. The Treasurer shall bank all cheques and fees received. Cheques to be payable to 'St Pierre du Bois Cemeteries Committee'.

Funeral arrangements

6. The Funeral Director shall set the time of the burial and shall give the Records Officer at least 48 hours' notice of the burial.
7. All work undertaken in the Cemeteries shall be allowed only with the prior approval of the Records Officer on behalf of the Committee.
8. All work required in the Cemeteries must first be notified to the Records Officer (Peter Brehaut, tel: 07781 107082).

New graves and mermorials

9. The Cemetery shall be divided in to plots 2m x 76 cm. Each plot shall correspond with lettering and numbering of the plan of the Cemetery.
10. The maximum height for a headstone is 1m 10cm and plinths shall not extend more than 26cm in front of a headstone. There shall be at least 76 cm of earth above each coffin. Vaults will not be permitted. No concrete shall be used to cover a grave, nor kerbstone to surround a grave.

11. Plaques to be placed on the memorial wall at La Croix must measure 30cm high x 45cm wide x 4cm thick and be constructed in either black marble or blue, red or dark green granite. Niches at de Beauvoir vary in size and plaques must fit the niche allocated and be constructed as above.
12. Any non-traditional memorial designs and inscriptions should be submitted to the Records Officer of the Cemeteries Committee before placement. Inappropriate items or wording may be removed at the direction of the Committee. Images or photographs of a maximum 10cm diameter, and any other artefacts, may only be allowed with the full knowledge of the Committee, and at their discretion.
13. As a temporary measure wooden crosses of a maximum height of 84cm may be permitted with the permission of the Cemeteries Committee for a maximum period of one year.
14. Trees, shrubs and ornaments will not be allowed on graves or adjacent to memorial walls and may be removed at the discretion of the Committee.
15. No further memorials or adornments are to be affixed to masonry on the memorial wall at either cemetery, other than small vases which do not encroach on other plaques.

Continuing use and maintenance

16. Anyone requesting or arranging use of a plot shall be responsible for the upkeep of that plot and any memorial erected thereon. In the event of neglect of the plot the Committee may remove any offending item after due notice has been given to such person(s) where possible.
17. Fresh flowers and wreaths may be placed on the graves, but the Committee reserves the right to remove dead flowers and wreaths and unsightly artificial flowers after a reasonable time. Dead flowers must be placed in the receptacles provide in the Cemetery, or alternatively taken away from the Cemetery. Seasonal dcorations to be removed within four weeks.
18. Any rubble removed from a grave during a re-opening or at inception is to be removed by the memorial mason at no cost to the Cemeteries Committee.
19. The Committee shall have the right to make safe any grave or headstone if it is considered to be unsafe.
20. The Committee reserves the right to remove any items deemed unsuitable or unsightly from the Cemetery.

Records

21. The Records Officer of the Cemeteries shall keep a record showing:
 - a) the name and age of the deceased
 - b) date of burial
 - c) the height of ground above the coffin
 - d) names and addresses of the next of kin.