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SLEAFORD TOWN COUNCIL CEMETERY REGULATIONS

APPENDIX 1:

MUSLIM BURIALS.

1. Types of Graves:

(1) Purchased Graves (Exclusive Right of Burial)

The person purchasing the exclusive rights to a grave space acquired only the right of burial in the grave for the period granted (STC Regulations stipulate 50 years). The ownership of the land remains the property of Sleaford Town Council.

As the holder of an Exclusive Right of Burial you will be eligible to apply for permission to place and maintain a memorial on the grave space. Please refer to Cemetery Regulations Part II for full details on Memorials and Grave Maintenance.

(2) Non-Purchased Graves ("Public" Graves)

Ownership of non-purchased graves remains with Sleaford Town Council.

(3) Depth of Graves

All graves for an interment are single depth only. Request to prepare a grave space for burial must be requested in writing, giving a minimum of one working day's notice prior to the arranged burial day.

(4) Types of Graves

Earthen, i.e. dug, graves only are provided.

2. Information required by Sleaford Town Council when Arranging a Burial.

(1) Person arranging the Funeral.

This can be the appointed Funeral Director, Community Representative or Family Member. This person is responsible providing Sleaford Town Council with all information required, and for paying the required fees. The Town Council will take instructions from the appointed person only.

(2) Legal Requirements

Your Funeral Director or Community Representative will ensure that the Town Council is in receipt of the Certificate(s) for burial, together with the Council's own application form. The burial cannot take place without the certificate for burial. Completion of this paperwork completes a binding contract over the funeral and is required by the Funeral Director/Representative no later than 1.00p.m. on the day preceding a burial.

3. Fees – A Guide. A list of all Cemetery Fees is available from the Town Council office. The person arranging the funeral should be aware of the following expenses to be incurred:-

- Purchase Fee for Exclusive Right of Burial in the grave space.
- Interment (Burial) Fee which is dependent on the age and residence of the Deceased.
- Out of Hours charges if applicable.

4. The Funeral

(1) Shroud.

All burials should be in a coffin or a shroud.

(2) Lowering the Deceased.

It is not safe or sensible for anybody to enter a grave space and therefore tapes (Straps) must be used to lower the coffin or body. These will be supplied by the Town Council and available at the graveside. You need to provide sufficient bearers to carry and lower the deceased into the grave. Risk Assessments are available for lowering coffins into graves.

(3) Returning the Soil to the Grave.

Families wish to return the soil to the grave personally. Sleaford Town Council staff on site are available to assist or complete this task if requested.

Help and Assistance:

Help and assistance is available either at Sleaford Town Council Office (01529 303456) or from a local Funeral Director.

Advice is also available from the and your Community Representative (name/address to be completed)

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