

ADDERBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Date of Parish Council Meeting	Tuesday 26 November 2019
Agenda Item Number	<i>Item 11 (iv)</i>
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Title of Report	Burial Fees 2020/2021
Summary	To review the fees for 2020/2021 and discuss dropping any charges for the interment and Exclusive Burial Rights for those aged 17 years and under.
Recommendation	<p>The burial fees be increased by 3% for 2020/2021.</p> <p>No charges be applied to the interment and Exclusive Burial Rights for those aged 17 years and under and the costs be reclaimed from the Children's Funeral Fund.</p> <p>These be applied from 1 April 2020.</p>
Reasons for the Recommendation	<p>A review of fees is undertaken annually.</p> <p>It would be in line with other Town and Parish Councils not to charge for funeral costs for those 17 years and under and to claim back the costs from the Government's Children's Funeral Fund.</p>
Impact on Budget	<p>The burial fees do not usually cover the cost of the upkeep of the cemetery but they help towards it.</p> <p>Costs for the burials for children can be reclaimed from the Children's Funeral Fund.</p>
Risks	<p>If fees are not increased and maintenance fees do increase, then the Parish Council will have to cover more of those costs.</p> <p>No risks to claiming from the Children's Funeral Fund.</p>
Background	<p>Fees are reviewed annually and a 3% is usually applied. There was no increase last year.</p> <p>Approximately two years ago the Parish Council agreed to no longer charge for funeral costs relating to those under 16 years. The proposal now is to extend this to those aged 17 years and under and then the Parish Council will make a claim for the costs.</p>
Supporting documents; advice, reports etc should always be attached to the report and listed here	<p>Cemetery fees for Bodicote Parish, Middleton Cheney Parish and Banbury Town Council are attached.</p> <p>Current Adderbury Cemetery fees are also attached.</p>