

# West Rainton Parish Council – 19 March 2020

## Item 8: Annual Review of Cemetery fees and charges

### Report of M Ramshaw, Parish Clerk

At its' meeting held on 15 March 2018 Parish Council agreed to an increase in cemetery fees for the first time in four years. This was in the context that maintenance and development of the cemetery should be self-financing.

Parish Council additionally agreed to review the fees and charges on an annual basis.

In March 2019 Parish Council agreed to an inflationary increase of 1.8% in line with inflation for the 2019/20 rates.

The table below shows the current charges (2019/20) and suggested charges based upon the prevailing Consumer Prices Index (CPI) rate and Retail Prices Index (RPI).

For information, the rates are calculated by the Office for National Statistics and the most recent figures available are: CPI 1.8% Jan 2020 & RPI 2.2%.

The 2020/21 Parish Council budget was approved and included an inflationary uplift of 2%.

### Recommendation

Parish Council is asked to consider an increase of 2% on its current Cemetery Fees to become effective from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020.

For illustrative purposes, this figure has been applied on a blanket basis to the current charges, rounded to the nearest pound.

	<b>Current</b>	<b>Suggested</b>
Double	£500.00	£510.00
Single	£300.00	£306.00
Cremated Remains	£150.00	£153.00
Re-open	£150.00	£153.00
Child under 16 years	No charge	No charge
Memorial Fees	£75.00	£77.00
Search fee	£25.00	£25.00

Mark Ramshaw

Parish Clerk – 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020