

West Rainton Parish Council - 21 March 2019

Item 9: Annual Review of Cemetery fees and charges

Report of G Keedy, Project Officer

At its' meeting held on 15 March 2018 Parish Council agreed to an increase 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.

Parish Council is under no legal obligation to increase the amounts but may wish to consider inflationary rises to keep pace with costs and avoid potentially more significant, one-off increases in future years.

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

For information, the CPI rate is calculated by the Office for National Statistics and the most recent figure available (for 12 months to January 19) is 1.8%.

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

Current Suggested

Double	£500.00	£509.00
Single	£300.00	£305.00
Cremated Remains	£150.00	£153.00
Re-open	£150.00	£153.00
Child under 16 years	No charge	No charge
Memorial Fees	£75.00	£76.00
Search fee	£25.00	£25.00

Parish Council is requested to consider the introduction or otherwise of inflationary increases to cemetery fees and charges; and if the former, for these to become effective from 1 April 2019.

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