

FEES AND CHARGES REPORT

APPENDIX 5 – CEMETERIES

1. Service Description

West Lindsey District Council currently maintains 2 open cemeteries – Legsby Road, Market Rasen and School Lane, Springthorpe.

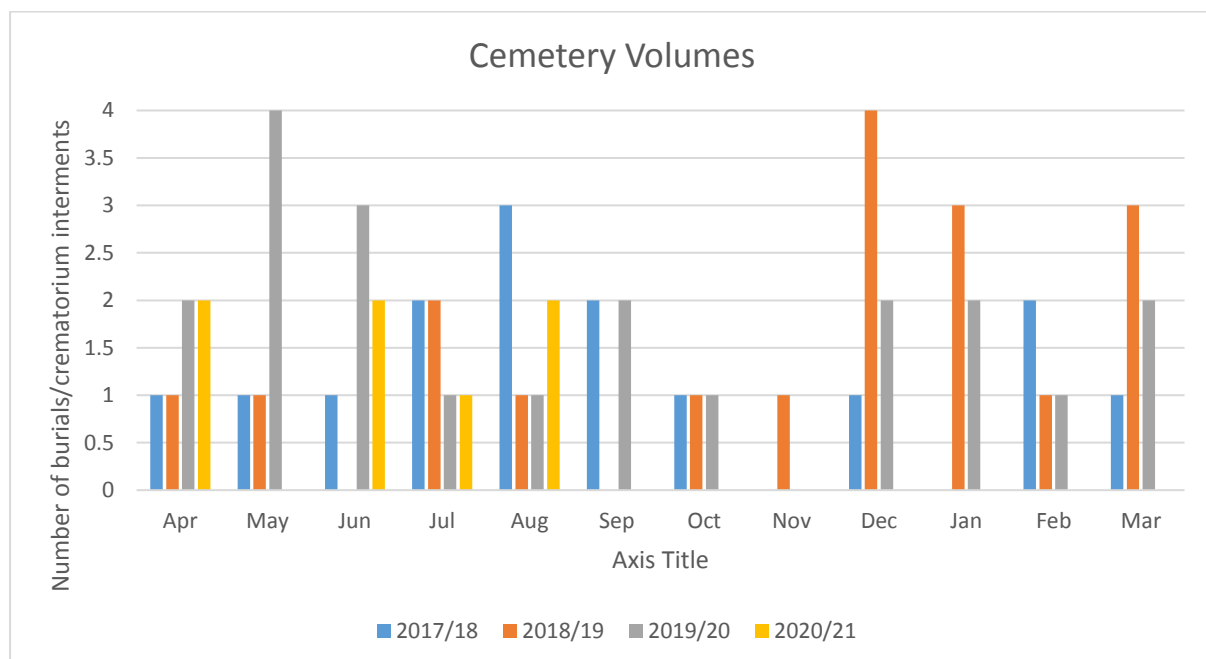
Costs for maintaining the grounds at these sites have been steadily increasing, but the income received from the sites is small and therefore the council heavily subsidises these areas. In 2019/20 the net cost was £77,223.

There are two service charges applied to the cemeteries:

- Exclusive Right of Burial (EROB) – allocation of grave space for period of 99 years
- Memorials and inscriptions – permission for erection of memorial or adding of inscription to existing memorial

2. Prior years analysis, current financial year projections

The Cemetery service is demand driven and cannot be influenced. The table below illustrates volumes for 2017-18, 2018-19, 2019-20 and actuals to August 2020.



3. Covid Impact

There has been no impact on the service or income levels as a direct result of Covid-19.

4. Pricing

Recent benchmarking shows the fees set for this service are now more in alignment with neighbouring councils. The 2019-20 approved increase was the final step towards the charges set by other councils. With effect from 2020-21 the proposal is to increase fees by inflation at 3%, rounded to the nearest 50p.

5. Understanding Customers and Markets

The table below shows the last 3 financial year volumes data for burials for West Lindsey District Council and volumes to 31st August for the current year. There has been a small increase in numbers over the last financial year.

The service is one that is linked to the demographics of the area and the space available.

Financial years	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Totals
2017/18	1	1	1	2	3	2	1	0	1	0	2	1	15
2018/19	1	1	0	2	1	0	1	1	4	3	1	3	18
2019/20	2	4	3	1	1	2	1	0	2	2	1	2	21
2020/21	2	0	2	1	2								7

6. Proposed Charging

The proposed charges are outlined in the table below.

7. Recommendation

Members are requested to recommend to Council the charges for the 2021/22 as detailed in the schedule below.

2020/21 Excl. VAT	2020/21 Inc. VAT	Proposed Increase/decrease		2021/22	VAT Amount	2021/22 Charge Inc. VAT	VAT Rate
£	£	% Type	or £	£	£	£	

Exclusive Rights of Burial (B) or Cremated Remains (C) in Earthen Graves

Single Grave not exceeding 9' x 4' (99 years) (B)	£618.50	£618.50	3%	£18.50	£637.00	£0.00	£637.00	OS
Double Grave not exceeding 9' x 4' (99 years) (B)	£866.00	£866.00	3%	£26.00	£892.00	£0.00	£892.00	OS
Triple Grave not exceeding 9' x 4' (99 years) (B)	£967.50	£967.50	3%	£29.00	£996.50	£0.00	£996.50	OS
Single Grave not exceeding 9' x 4' (50 years) (B)	£309.50	£309.50	3%	£9.50	£319.00	£0.00	£319.00	OS
Double Grave not exceeding 9' x 4' (50 years) (B)	£432.50	£432.50	3%	£13.00	£445.50	£0.00	£445.50	OS
Triple Grave not exceeding 9' x 4' (50 years) (B)	£484.00	£484.00	3%	£14.50	£498.50	£0.00	£498.50	OS
Cremated remains only grave not exceeding 4' 6" x 4' (C)	£371.00	£371.00	3%	£11.00	£382.00	£0.00	£382.00	OS
Cremated remains only grave not exceeding 4' 6" x 4' (C) (child up to 12 years)	£100.00	£100.00	3%	£3.00	£103.00	£0.00	£103.00	OS
Exhumation:								
Body	£537.50	£537.50	3%	£16.00	£553.50	£0.00	£553.50	OS
Cremated remains	£269.00	£269.00	3%	£8.00	£277.00	£0.00	£277.00	OS

Monuments, Gravestones, Tablets & Monumental Inscriptions (Permission to erect) (Includes initial inscription)

Headstone up to 18 inches (C)	£124.00	£124.00	3%	£3.50	£127.50	£0.00	£127.50	OS
Headstone 18 inches to 3ft (B)	£148.00	£148.00	3%	£4.50	£152.50	£0.00	£152.50	OS
Headstone over 3ft but under 4ft (B)	£269.00	£269.00	3%	£8.00	£277.00	£0.00	£277.00	OS
Small vase (up to 6 inches) (B) (C)	£53.50	£53.50	3%	£1.50	£55.00	£0.00	£55.00	OS
Vase (6 inches to 1ft) (B) (C)	£99.00	£99.00	3%	£3.00	£102.00	£0.00	£102.00	OS
Plaque (not exceeding 8" x 4" (fixed)) (B) (C)	£53.50	£53.50	3%	£1.50	£55.00	£0.00	£55.00	OS
Plaque (not exceeding 12" x 6" (fixed)) (B) (C)	£99.00	£99.00	3%	£3.00	£102.00	£0.00	£102.00	OS
Flat stone (not exceeding 12" x 12") (B) (C)	£99.00	£99.00	3%	£3.00	£102.00	£0.00	£102.00	OS
Flat stone (not exceeding 12" x 18") (B) (C)	£109.50	£109.50	3%	£3.50	£113.00	£0.00	£113.00	OS
Memorial figurine (not exceeding 12" (fixed)) (B) (C)	£99.00	£99.00	3%	£3.00	£102.00	£0.00	£102.00	OS
Memorial figurine (12" up to 24" (fixed)) (B) (C)	£118.00	£118.00	3%	£3.50	£121.50	£0.00	£121.50	OS
For each inscription after the first	£44.00	£44.00	3%	£1.50	£45.50	£0.00	£45.50	OS

Registration Fees

Per certified copy of a certificate of grant of exclusive Right of Burial	£70.50	£70.50	3%	£2.00	£72.50	£0.00	£72.50	OS
Per certified copy of entry in Register of Burials	£70.50	£70.50	3%	£2.00	£72.50	£0.00	£72.50	OS

Copies of Certificates

Permission to plant memorial tree	£80.50	£80.50	3%	£2.50	£83.00	£0.00	£83.00	OS
Permission to install memorial seat	£80.50	£80.50	3%	£2.50	£83.00	£0.00	£83.00	OS

NB. Burial grounds are at Market Rasen & Springthorpe