

Report to Portfolio Holder for Environment

Subject: Parks & Street Care, Cemeteries and Sports, Fees and Charges 2021/22

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Wards Affected

Borough-wide

Purpose

The report details a revised set of Cemeteries and Sports Fees and Charges for the Parks and Street Care Service, and seeks approval for their introduction from 1st April 2021.

Recommendation

- a) To approve the revised Fees and Charges for 2021/22 as detailed in Appendix 1.
- b) To agree for the price revisions to be introduced from 1 April 2021.

Key Decision

This is not a Key Decision

Background

- 1.1 A 3% income inflation increase for discretionary income has been agreed by Cabinet for 2021/22. This was the optimum figure in terms of generating additional income from Fees and Charges to support a balanced budget.
- 1.2 With Portfolio Holder and relevant Corporate Director approval, discretion can be made to apply varying percentage increases or freezes to relevant Fees and Charges as long as the overall cash amount for that area are met. This allows consideration to be made for factors that influence the rate at which fees and charges are set.
- 1.3 These factors include:
 - The Borough's priorities.
 - The comparative price of neighbouring authorities.

- The effect an increase in price would have on the activity, including customer resistance.
 - The cost benefit of the service.
- 1.4 Cemeteries Fees and Charges have been reviewed and a 3% income inflation increase has been applied to the 'Residents' charge and a standard 100% surcharge has been applied to the 'Non Resident' charge. This approach makes it very transparent and was requested following a "review" of costs to make things easier to understand moving forward.

Proposal

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Cemeteries and Sports Fees and Charges are revised as detailed in Appendix 1.
- 2.2 Prices for Sports have been set to achieve the 3% discretionary income target in accordance with the Cabinet agreed inflation increase, in consideration of the aforementioned factors.
- 2.3 Following a review of Cemetery Fees and Charges, the 'Non Resident' prices have been realigned to provide a consistent pricing approach and are included in Appendix 1. A full 3% increase has been applied to 'Resident' charges and the 100% surcharge continues to be applied to 'Non Resident' charges as at 1st April.

Alternative Options

3. An alternative percentage increase for inflation could have been applied. This however would not have been in consideration of the proposed Medium Term Financial Plan or current CPI inflation measures.

Financial Implications

- 4.1 Applying the proposed Fees and Charges detailed in this report will increase discretionary income.
- 4.2. The newly proposed Cemetery Fees and Charges will provide a simplified and consistent pricing approach.

Legal Implications

- 5.1 The power to charge cemetery fees arises from the Local Authorities Cemeteries Order 1977, and the fees are to be set at the level the authority think proper. The Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 enables the Council to provide and charge for leisure facilities as the Council sees fit. The considerations above have been taken into account when proposing fee increases.

Equalities Implications

- 6.1 The proposed increase in 'Fees and Charges' will not have any adverse equalities implications.

Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications

- 7.1 The proposed increase in 'Fees And Charges' will not impact on the Council's Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability targets.

Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1 – Revised Fees and Charges 2021/22.

Background Papers

- 9.1 None identified.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 10.1 To contribute to the delivery of a balanced budget both in 2021/22 and in the medium term, and satisfy statutory requirements.

APPENDIX 1 – PARKS FEES AND CHARGES 2021/22 WITH EFFECT 1st APRIL 2021.

<u>Outdoor Bowls</u>	Current 2020/21			Proposed 2021/22		
	Full	Leisure Card	Juniors/Con	Full	Leisure Card	Juniors/Con
Bowls (inc use of slips)	£4.00		£2.00	£4.00		£2.00
Bowls - locker per season	£7.00			£7.00		
Bowls - season ticket	£79.00	£68.00	£34.00	£80.50	£70.00	£35.00
Bowls - visitor fees per rink	£8.00			£8.00		
<u>Outdoor Tennis (Conway & Oakdale Rec's)</u>	Full	Leisure Card	Juniors/Con	Full	Leisure Card	Juniors/Con
Outdoor Tennis	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free	Free

<u>Facility</u>	Current 2020/21			Proposed 2021/22		
	Full	Leisure Card	Juniors/Con	Full	Leisure Card	Juniors/Con
Cricket Pitch - Grass	£79.00	£69.00	£33.00	£81.70	£71.00	£34.00
Cricket Pitch - Synthetic	£56.00	£48.00	£25.00	£56.40	£49.00	£25.80
Football Pitch - under 10's	£28.00		£25.00	£29.00		£25.80
Football Pitch - Grass	£76.00	£66.00	£33.00	£78.20	£68.00	£34.00
				ROUNDED UP PRICES		

<u>Facility</u>	Current Price 2020/21	Proposed Price 2021/22
Allotments Site with water per square metre	£0.36	£0.40

Concessionary price	(60+, people on benefits, people with disability etc)
Junior price	(Juniors under 16s)

APPENDIX 1 CEMETERIES FEES AND CHARGES 2021/22 WITH EFFECT 1st APRIL 2021.

Advance pre-purchasing of exclusive right of burial at ALL Cemeteries is no longer available

100% Surcharge applied to 'Resident' fees for 'Non Residents'

Purchase of Exclusive Right for 50 Years - Includes Memorial Rights

	Resident
New Lawn Section A10 (includes memorial raft) Carlton Only	£1,140.00
Lawn Section	£941.00
Traditional Section	£1,383.00
Concrete Burial Chamber (up to 3 interments)	£1,643.00

Purchase of Cremation Plot for Caskets or Scattering of Ashes

Lawn Section – Family Plot for 4	£770.00
Tradition Section – Family Plot for 4	£849.00
Lawn Cremation Plots available for 2 or 1 (please ask for details)	

Interment Fees – Full Burial

Stillborn Child or Child Under One Month Old	Nil
Child Aged Between One Month and 12 Years	Nil
12 to 18 Years – Coffin/Casket	Nil
Over 18 Years – Coffin/Casket	£941.00
Non Private Grave (coffin only)	£641.00

Burial of Casket or Scattering of Ashes

Stillborn Child or Child Under One Month	Nil
Child Age Between One Month and 12 Years	Nil
Persons 12 to 18 Years	Nil
Over 18 Years	£202.00
Scattering of Ashes on Grave	£143.00
Scattering of Ashes in Garden of Rest	£105.00

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<u>Construction of Brick Graves</u>	Resident
Construction of Brick Lined Single Interment grave (Interment fee additional, Muslim section only)	£887.00
Restricted Depth Charge	£274.00
Excavations for privately constructed grave (block or brick only) To include the first interment at time of excavation only.	£941.00
Reopening of a pre-constructed grave (removal of top slabs)	£176.00

MEMORIALS AND INSCRIPTIONS

All new Memorials including plaques and vases must be inscribed with the Grave Number and Section, Stonemasons name, town and year of installation (i.e. A7C 000 - ACE MASONS LTD - Arnold – 2001. **A minimum** of the grave number and section is required for any memorial removed from the cemetery for any purpose. New section A10 at Carlton cemetery.

RIGHT TO ERECT HEADSTONE, VASE OR PLAQUE (Pre April 2007) £364.00

Lawn section up to 1 metre max.

Traditional section up to 1370mm max

Cremation plot up to 510mm.

Plot for 2 plaque (max 450mm) or vase only

Plot for 1 flat plaque only (max 300mm)

RIGHT TO ERECT KERB (Pre April 2007) £247.00

Traditional Section Only Not to Exceed 2mt 130mm x 910mm

ADDITIONAL INSCRIPTION (Pre April 2007) £97.00

BRONZE PLAQUE (On Garden of Rest Walls Only – size 230mm x 150mm) £122.00

OTHER FEES AND CHARGES

Service in Chapel	£122.00
Searches of Family Trees – per name	£44.00
Entry in Book of Remembrance (Three Lines)	£49.00
Issue of Duplicate Deed	£67.00
Late arrival Fee	£196.00

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

BURIAL OF NON- RESIDENTS

Any person who has lived within Gedling Borough Council for a minimum period of 12 months in the last 3 years may be buried as a resident. Evidence of residency will be required.

Periods spent in a Hospital or Care Facility outside the Borough by Gedling residents during the last 3 years will count towards Gedling qualification providing they were resident for a minimum 12 month period prior to moving into care.

MUSLIM BURIALS

A Muslim section is available at Carlton Cemetery only, a burial service is offered Monday to Friday (Excluding Bank Holidays). Burial costs are our standard fees (purchase/interment) with the addition of a readymade brick vault (if required) and restrictive depth charge.

The last funeral booking time is **2.00 p.m.** for same day burials. A minimum of two hours' notice is required and all times must be strictly adhered to.

GENERAL

The late fee becomes payable for any funeral arriving more than 30 minutes later than the scheduled arrival time at the cemetery. This charge will be passed to the Funeral Director as the responsible party for ensuring on time arrival. Please ensure that cultural and religious factors are taken into account when booking an arrival time.

Please Note: All accounts must be paid in accordance with the terms detailed.