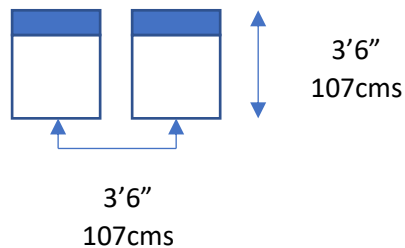


**Headstone Request
Open Spaces Committee 30 January 2018**

The Committee's instructions regarding the headstone request are required

1. A request has been received for the erection of a headstone which exceeds the height stated in the Town Council's cemetery rules and regulations. A copy of the request letter is attached as appendix 1 and the details from the memorial application form are attached as appendix 2. The
2. The plot is a cremation plot situated in a prominent location next to a path used by most visitors to the cemetery; there is a vacant ashes plot adjacent to it. Appendix 3 shows the plot, its neighbours and the proximity to the path
3. Ashes plots are 3'6" from the centre of one plot to the next and 3'6" in length including the memorial.



4. The memorial for which permission has been requested is 85cms high
5. The following are relevant extracts from the Rules and Regulations regarding memorials

The maximum height of a headstone is 107cm (3ft 6ins) for a Burial plot and 60cm (2ft) for a Cremation plot.

The Town Council may refuse to permit memorials considered inappropriate or that would cause offence.

*All memorials must be constructed of best quarried materials. Materials which are likely to perish, become unsightly or pose a danger must not be used.
Memorials may not be painted.*

All the cemetery rules and regulation can be downloaded from the Town Council website at <https://www.ilminster.gov.uk/services/town-council/cemetery/>

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