



# Pilning & Severn Beach Parish Council

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## PILNING & SEVERN BEACH CEMETERY CEMETERY UPDATES - FUNERALS & CORONAVIRUS

Our deepest sympathies for your loss at this difficult time.

Whilst attending a funeral, please do your best to maintain your distance and keep everyone safe. Please follow the advice outlined in the safety notice below.

### NOTICE TO FUNERAL DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

This advice is designed to assist people who are involved in managing or organising a funeral related to a death from any cause during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

This guidance in line with the **Health Protection Regulations 2020 and The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings in a Relevant Place) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2020** has been developed to ensure that:

- **bereaved people are treated with sensitivity, dignity, and respect.**
- **mourners and workers involved in the management of funerals are protected from avoidable risk of infection.**

In compliance with the Government Tier Systems in England –

- **Tier's 1, 2 and 3 - Funerals up to 30 people in attendance and up to 15 people can attend a linked event – interment or scattering of cremated remains or the attendance of memorial stone instalment or at an anniversary gathering by a grave side setting for example.**
- **Tier's 4 and 5 - Funerals up to 30 people in attendance and up to 6 people can attend a linked event – interment or scattering of cremated remains or the attendance of memorial stone instalment or at an anniversary gathering by a grave side setting for example.**
- **Attendance must be within the limits set within the guidelines of the Government Tier Restrictions with social distancing strictly adhered to.**

This is, of course, exceedingly difficult for those that wish to attend and pay their respects, and we would urge mourners to work with funeral directors, celebrants, and clergy to help craft alternatives to a full funeral, for example:

- **If offered, services can be streamed via the web, or recorded and played back at a later date.**
- **People who cannot attend in person can be encouraged to think about the person at the same date and time as the funeral and spend some time in quiet reflection.**
- **People could be encouraged to write down their thoughts and memories of the person for reading at the funeral, or at a later date.**
- **People could light a candle in their home at the same time as the funeral.**
- **Memorial services can be held at a later date at which families can gather and remember the person who has died**

It is also requested that all persons in attendance wear appropriate face coverings – Thank you

### **NOTICE TO FUNERAL DIRECTORS**

**With reference to burials, please state on the cemetery Interment Form and at the time of arranging an interment at the cemetery, whether the death of the deceased was COVID-19 related or not.**

**If the death was COVID-19 related, please advise the Cemetery Clerk as to what safety measures are being implemented by yourselves at the time of the burial and number of family mourners – please note restrictions as above.**

**Thank you for your co-operation.**