

CHILTERN'S CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

MEETING 24TH JANUARY 2012

OPEN REPORT OF THE CLERK TO THE JOINT COMMITTEE AND THE SUPERINTENDENT

5.5 MILTON FUNERAL CHAPEL: REPLACEMENT OF FLOOR

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5.1 At the meeting on 27th January 2011 an update report was submitted about the defect to the Milton chapel floor necessitating its replacement (Minute 32 refers). The contractor had accepted responsibility for replacing the floor, but the extent of the works and the amount of time needed to carry it out were not known. In particular the Joint Committee was concerned about potential loss of income if this was a lengthy period. It was stated that a further report would be submitted to the next meeting.

5.2 The work was planned for summer 2011 but at the time of the Joint Committee meeting a final decision had not been reached between the various parties involved as to the extent of the works to be carried out. Subsequently it was decided that it was possible to re-screed and lay a new tiled floor without also having to replace the heating pipes, and that the carpeted area would not be affected. This being the case then the closure period would be no longer than when all the defective woodwork on the underside of the walkways was overlaid in 2008 (about two months) which resulted in minimal, if any, loss of income.

5.3 In the event, despite persistent encouragement, the building contractor was unable to comply with the Crematorium's timing requirement i.e. that the work must be carried out during the summer months, and after much prevarication gave a start date of 16th October 2011 which had to be declined. The works are now planned for the summer of 2012.

5.4 In the meantime the remedial repairs carried out to the existing floor in summer 2010 continue to endure, although beginning to show signs of deterioration, and the condition of the floor has not caused any aesthetic or operational problems.

5.5 This report is included for information.

Background Papers: None