

CHILTERN CREMATORIUM JOINT COMMITTEE

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

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MILTON CHAPEL FLOOR

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1 At the last meeting the officers were pleased to report that the floor was successfully replaced during the summer of 2012 as planned. This was the last outstanding defect and its remedy successfully concluded, within budget, the second funeral chapel project which commenced with the appointment of the architects, Haverstock Associates, in May 2000, and saw the Milton chapel open for funerals in April 2005 (Minute 16, Meeting 7th March 2013 refers).

2 Since that meeting some of the newly laid floor tiles have shown signs of warping and lifting. Fortunately the number of tiles affected so far is limited but understandably this is a matter of concern. The architect in conjunction with the builder has carried out a thorough investigation but the outcome at this stage is inconclusive. The cause of the problem is moisture condensing on the underside of the tiles but no one knows how it is getting there. An initial test of the under-floor heating pipes did not reveal a leak. The problem has not worsened since the under-floor heating was switched off in the spring and so another theory is that the floor has been getting too hot. Some adjustments have been made and the temperatures will be regularly monitored this coming winter, as will the floor itself to see if any further problems occur.

This report is included for information.

Background papers: None