

In **February 2007** KTC acquired sole responsibility for the cemetery chapel. This was agreed by the signing of a maintenance handover agreement between Broxtowe Borough Council and KTC. As part of the agreement KTC was given a one-off payment of £7000.

At the handover no schedule of the current state of the building and of any work that was required was provided, and no assessment of likely running costs was provided.

Sept 2008: A schedule of work was drawn up by the then council to make internal improvements to the chapel, these works included a kitchen, toilet, cesspit, etc. Shortly after this a proposal, drawings and estimates were sought to build a bell tower on to the chapel.

Work was also undertaken to improve brickwork and improve lighting, approx cost £12,000.

Sept 2010: A letter was sent to the communities department at county hall from the council indicating an interest in licensing the cemetery chapel premises for the purpose of having civil partnerships and civil marriages. The county council advised the town council that they would be able to proceed with the request for a license with a few provisos: fire safety, health and safety, public notices and payment of fees.

17th May 2012: At the Annual town meeting under item 4 (D) the chairman of the council, Mr Roy Plumb read the following as part of the annual report: "*The need to the necessity to carry out a complete refurbishment of the cemetery chapel was emphasised. It was intended to make the building a high quality multi- use venue with a view to achieving a license to conduct civil wedding ceremonies. It was not considered to keep the building unused and demolition was not an option*"

17th September 2012: At an extraordinary meeting of the full council (Item 59)

" the council agreed to accept in full the report written by Malcolm Staley the deputy chief executive and director of finance at BBC." The relevance of this is that Mr Staley had been invited to meet members of the council and was asked to provide " some advice as to the financial position of the council"

Under sec 4 of his document: "Financial standing/current position": Mr Staley indicates clearly that, whilst the council has a number of reserves, there are no restrictions as to their use, subject to the agreement of the council. He comments "movement to or from resources can take place at anytime with the council's approval - it does not just have to be when the budget is being set or the accounts are being finalised".

Staying with this meeting (Sept 17th 2012), under item 61 a vote took place on the F and G cemetery chapel project and the sum of money to be approved. All 11 councillors in attendance voted: 7 for, 0 against, 4 abstentions. By definition, an abstention may be used to indicate the voting individuals ambivalence about the measure or mild disapproval that does not rise to "ACTIVE OPPOSITION".

Also under sec 61 Councillor Easom proposed that the council should keep £15,000 of reserves for the cemetery chapel in case the scheme is not a success.

Dec 2012 to June 2013: Feasibility study undertaken including:

- Street surveys
- Online resident consultation questionnaires
- Holy Trinity fun day
- Consultation and chapel visits
- Progress meetings and council presentations

*** The chapel is now out of use due to a collapsed floor.*

September 2013: F and G publish and present the consultation documents

October 2013: The documents were placed on Kimberley Town Council's website for the public to view and to make comments. The public were made aware of this through the council's newsletter.

At the end of 2014 the project has had 2,149 hits from 7 different chapel headings e.g. chapel update, feasibility study, chapel meetings.

November 2013 onwards - the project has been discussed at council meetings.

March 2014: County councillor K Rigby informs the council chairman and the council that the LIS bid for the chapel has been successful. The council undertake some work on option three of the F and G technical document to provide an extension as well as internal development work.

2nd April 2014: The council submit a bid to WREN for £10,000 towards the development costs of the chapel.

July 2014: At a meeting of the A and E committee a member of the public states that he has information that the LIS bid has not been successful, the council agree to investigate.

July 2014: At a full council meeting, Councillor K Rigby confirms the bid has not been successful, he apologises and expresses his disappointment. The council agree to move forward with the project and a meeting of the working group would be convened with an invitation to the public to attend.

Thursday 2nd October 2014: The Cemetery chapel steering group committee met with members of the public to discuss the cemetery chapel project. The chairman provided an introduction on the recent history of the chapel and current position. Members of the community contributed to the discussion and a considerable number of issues were discussed.

Friday 3rd October 2014: Chapel visit for members of the public.

Thursday 16th October: The Council have a fact finding meeting.

Saturday 18th October: the council have fact finding site visit.

Tuesday 11th November: council have a further fact finding meeting.

Thursday 20th November: A position statement on chapel project is given at the A and E meeting.

Thursday 27th November: presentation at full council.