

# **SELBY TOWN COUNCIL – Public consultation to increase the Parish Council precept to fund the renovation of both Cemetery Chapels.**

## **Background**

The Town Council manages the administration and care of Selby Cemetery on Westfield Road, Selby, including burial of remains and ashes, memorial safety and grounds maintenance. At the entrance to the cemetery are two identical chapels originally built for the funeral service prior to the internment, one chapel was used for the Church of England and the other for the Roman Catholic Church. At present the chapels are not used for funeral services, one is used for a store the other for Grounds Maintenance tools and other miscellaneous items and a small staff office. The buildings were built in the 19th century in the style of the Cemetery lodge in a yellowish brick with stone details and ornamentation in the Gothic revival style. The buildings are in need of full repair and restoration, and re-purposing.



## **Proposals – the project**

Selby Town Council has plans to refurbish / renovate the two cemetery chapels to:

- Safeguard their structural integrity.
- Convert one into a high-quality space available for public hire / use (and provide a location for temporary storage of coffins / urns if they can't be immediately interred)
- Continue to use one as a workshop / messing / office facility for the grounds-maintenance team.

There are no utilities in either chapel, other than electricity. Both chapels, if used as proposed, require accessible toilets, washroom facilities and heating, as well as renovation to the fabric of the buildings. We have had detailed plans drawn up by architects and aim to carry out the works in a sympathetic and environmentally way as much as possible.

## Proposals – funding

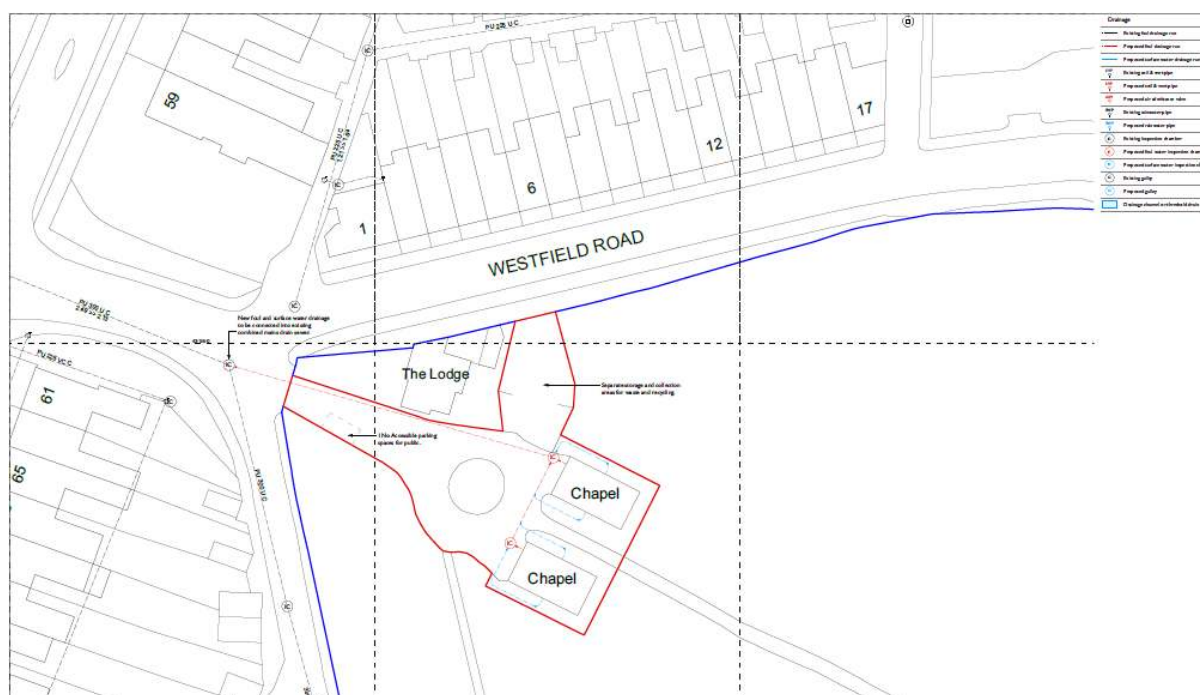
It is expected that the renovations would cost approximately £700,000. Parish Councils can borrow money for projects like this through the 'public works loan' scheme. If there is public support, the Council proposes to borrow up to £700,000 over a maximum of 30 years at a fixed rate, with an annual repayment of £48,000. To cover the cost, the Council would need to increase the precept paid by residents of the Parish as part of their Council Tax by the same amount. The increase on the current precept would be 7.6%.

A band D household in Selby Parish currently pays £128.95 per year in Parish Council precept, so this would rise to approx. £138.70 per year – an increase of about 19p per week.

All financial figures are based on data available at 9/10/2024 and may vary due to changes in interest rates and council tax base.

To progress with this project, we need evidence of residents' support, therefore it is important that you complete the attached survey and return it before the deadline of 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024.

To view the architects' drawings and / or to complete the consultation online see - [Projects - Selby Town Council](#)



# SELBY TOWN COUNCIL

## Cemetery Chapels

**This consultation is open to residents who pay an element of their council tax to Selby Town Council, so we need your address to confirm that you fall within the boundaries of Selby Town Council.**

- Are you in FAVOUR of the Town Council going ahead with the Cemetery Chapels project?

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**YES**

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**NO**

- Are you in FAVOUR of the Town Council going ahead with the Cemetery Chapels project IF it includes a council tax precept increase of 7.6% (equivalent to £9.75 a year for a Band D household) for the purpose of the loan repayments?

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**YES**

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**NO**

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| <b>Name</b>      |  |
| <b>Address</b>   |  |
| <b>Post Code</b> |  |
| <b>Signed</b>    |  |
| <b>Date</b>      |  |

Please complete one form per household.

By signing above, you are consenting to Selby Town Council holding the above information on you for the purpose of this consultation. You can withdraw or change your consent, and update your details, at any time by contacting the Town Hall office. Selby Town Council take your data privacy seriously and data is kept for the purpose it was collected for and only for as long as necessary.

**Please return this survey questionnaire to the Town Hall, York Street, Selby, YO8 4AJ by: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2024.**

**Surveys can also be completed on line:**

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