Breaston Parish Council
Parks & Cemeteries Committee

We are all aware of the challenging weather we have experienced over the past few years. Storms Babet, Chiara, Henk, and Darragh were just a few that battered our village, leaving numerous projects on hold- most notably, worsening conditions at the cemetery Chapel.

However, we are pleased to report that things have finally improved, allowing us to complete much-needed work!

Perks Park Improvements

Circular Exercise path, completed in summer 2024, the path being a great success with many residents using it for daily exercise.

New Benches

Installed along the western perimeter, with additional memorial benches coming soon to the east.

Streetlights & Bollards

Now completed, making the public right of way safer and more user friendly in the evenings.

LED Lighting for MUGA

Making a cost effective and eco-friendly upgrade, benefiting both the Parish council's budget and the environment, we're planning improvements to disabled access along Rectory Road boundary. The current entrance, which aligns with the public right of way, is not welcoming. To enhance accessibility and create a more inviting gateway, we are exploring plans to open up the area and position the entrance more centrally. Watch this space for updates on the Parish Council website.

Cemetery Chapel Restoration

The cemetery chapel suffered severe setbacks due to flooding, originally in 2019 and then again during the storms of 2023/24. Despite the challenges, we persevered, thanks to a generous resident donation and public consultation.

Drainage Improvements

Removal of boundary planting helped reduce future flooding risks.

Structural repairs included replacing the damaged floor and reinforcing the ceiling which partially collapsed in strong winds, plus restoring the pews.

Modern Upgrades

New LED lighting, sockets, outdoor lighting, and heating were installed in February 2025, a full five years after the first flood.

Floral Displays

A huge thank you to A W Lymn for their generous donation of beautiful new floral arrangements, we were delighted to celebrate these achievements with a ribbon cutting ceremony in late February, attended by residents and councillors.

Accessible Toilet

On the agenda is the installation of a toilet for chapel visitors, along with further flood protection measures, supported by a flood resilience grant from DCC, a huge thank you to all the contractors, and a big shout out to our Clerk, Nicala O'Leary for her dedication and project management.

Cllr Kevin Miller
Chair
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