



**Community Assets & Opens Spaces Committee
Wednesday 08th July 2026**

Agenda Item 11

Background Information Update and Consideration of Costs for the Repair and Restoration (Painting) of the Parish Church Clock and Turret.

Purpose of the Report

- To provide members with an update on the background to the Parish Council's ownership and responsibility for the church clock and its mechanism.
- To consider the request received from the Reverend Nick Orman regarding the restoration and repainting of the clock turret.
- To determine whether the Committee wishes to recommend financial support for the proposed works.

Background

Members are requested to review **Appendix A** and **Appendix B**, which contain the background information and photographs presented to the Parish Council in 2021 which provide the background to the Council's involvement with the church clock and its ongoing maintenance responsibilities.

Since these reports and information were considered in 2021, the Parish Council has formally included the church clock and its mechanism on the Council's Asset Register and has ensured that they are included within the Council's insurance schedule. This reflects the Council's acceptance of responsibility for the asset and its continued maintenance.

Current Request

Members are asked to review the request received from Rev. Nick Orman, dated **25 June 2026**, attached as **Appendix C**.

The request relates to planned repair and restoration works to the church clock turret, including repainting of the turret and associated maintenance works requiring specialist access.

The quotation received includes:

Item	Cost
Scaffolding, labour, materials	£1,600.00 + VAT
Painting of the clock turret	£140.00 + VAT (included within an overall painting contract valued at £472.00 est 30%)

The repainting of the clock turret itself represents £140 of the overall painting works. However, access to undertake these works requires scaffolding and associated labour. It has therefore been proposed that the additional cost of £1,600 plus VAT should be apportioned using the same proportion as the painting costs. This approach would allocate a proportionate share of the access costs to the clock turret works rather than attributing the entire scaffolding cost to the Parish Council.

Therefore the parish council should consider contributing 30% of the £1,600 which equates to £480.00

A copy of quote from the Parish Church is still to follow – attached as Appendix D (Not for Website)

Consider the following recommendations:

- 1. Review the background information contained in Appendices A and B.**
- 2. Note that the church clock and its mechanism have since been added to the Parish Council's asset register and insurance records therefore there is a responsibility for its ongoing restoration (Since 2021).**
- 3. Consider the request from Rev. Nick Orman contained in Appendix C and supporting contractor quote.**
- 4. Consider the estimated costs and the proposed apportionment of the shared scaffolding and access costs.**
Suggested recommendation to agree up to £140 for materials and £480 for the scaffolding, both of which represent a 30% share for the overall works.
- 5. NOTE the works are now delayed until next Summer and that a 27/28 budget should be allocated.**

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