

Full Council

Date: Tuesday 28th April 2020
Title: St Mary's s106 application to SODC
Contact Officer: Jayne Cole, Town Clerk

Purpose of the Report:

To consider forward funding St Mary's s106 monies in order to undertake emergency repairs to the outer wall and dove cote (and associated works)

Background

In December 2019 we made a s106 application to SODC to receive the contribution intended for the works to extend the cemetery. Following a meeting with SODC s106 Officer at the Church, we were asked if further funding might be available for urgent repairs and we were taken to see the outer wall and dove cote. SODC met to consider the earlier application and asked if we would submit another for the whole works including the repairs instead. This application has been submitted with supporting documents including photographs, invoices and quotes. However, due to the current situation SODC are not in a position to meet to agree the release of the monies but have indicated that they intend to as soon as it is possible.

Action Required

The Parochial Church Council wish to undertake the repairs as soon as possible while the weather is fair and there are less members of the public walking through the cemetery. In order to do so it would need financial assistance. The s106 application is for £20,000 and only St Mary's can spend it under the s106 agreements. I have spoken to SODC and they would be happy to pass the sum to Thame Town Council in lieu of any forward funding assistance we may consider appropriate to the Church.

Risk Assessment

Potential risks:

- That the historic wall and dove cote will continue to deteriorate and cost more in the long run to restore.
- It is a danger to the public in the stretches that have loose capping stones and the wall runs alongside a public path. The Dove Cote has loose tiles and these could also be a hazard to the public

Legal Powers:

Local Government Act 1972 s214 and s215

Recommendation

- i) **To consider and agree to forward fund partially of in full the s106 monies to St Mary's in order to restore the wall and Dove Cote.**