

Policy & Resources Committee

Title:	St Mary's Church Burial Ground Extension
Date:	20 April 2021
Contact Officer:	Cassie Pinnells, Acting Town Clerk

Purpose of the Report:

1. To approve the terms and conditions of the S106 Agreement for the final contribution of £13,198.01 towards funding further works to fully implement the extension of St Mary's Burial Ground at St Mary's Church.

Background

2. A report was presented to Full Council on the 28 April 2020, from the Town Clerk who had been working with St Marys Church and the SODC Officers to draw down the final S106 contribution for the costs of the extension of the existing burial ground at St Marys Church.
3. A revised application has been submitted in February 2021 to claim the outstanding funding to complete the project with the Parochial Church Council.
4. The allocated funds will enable the repairs to the historic wall and capping stones as soon as possible and to improve the accessibility within the new burial area.
5. The Parochial Church Council will oversee the project management of the burial site extension requirements with the agreed contractor and the Town Council will manage the financial aspects of the S106 agreement.

Action Required

6. To approve the terms and conditions of the S106 Agreement as required by South Oxfordshire District Council and to provide a copy of the minutes to formally accept the funds.

Risk Assessment

Potential risks:

- That the historic wall 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.

Legal Powers:

- Local Government Act 1972 s214 and s215

Recommendation

- i) To approve the awarded funds and S106 Terms and Conditions for the extension of St Mary's Burial Ground.***