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**FABRIC REPORT - CHEDISTON APCM 27/04/17**

**Quinquennial Report – Church**

The work detailed within the latest quinquennial report is presently being carried out. The majority is nearing completion. To date the roofwork and rainwater disposal cleaning is virtually completed and all should now be weathertight including some additional repairs necessitated by storm Doris. The vestry has been redecorated and repairs therein carried out. Repairs to perished plaster behind the altar are in progress and as are the redecorations at the rear of the nave following the ingress of rain. The majority of the external crack repairs and boundary wall repairs are completed. Some additional work has been identified and quotes are awaited; these involve the West boundary wall where I have requested 2 new brick piers and stitching.

Non-contracted work should continue to include ivy and plant growth to be removed from all tombs and monuments to prevent expensive damage to these items. Also the

Noticeboard to SE corner of churchyard - repairs and decoration required. I believe that a new informative noticeboard was to be erected some time ago, so this may negate the necessity of this work.

**Church Track & Car Park**

I had previously provided infill material for the church track and had all levelled off. I did over-order the repair material to ensure a supply is available for topping up and this will need to be carried out on a regular basis. I hope that I can rely upon those living close to the track and car park to undertake this minor work.

Speeding along the track and sharp turning from the rear of the houses in Shop Row does cause the potholes to form. It would be good to reduce the vehicular movement along the track as far as is possible!

**Schoolroom**

As reported at last year’s meeting, there has been no action to progress the extension of the Schoolroom. You will have noted that Linstead have now provided a disabled ramp entry to their village hall and this was something being incorporated into our previously accepted scheme.

Just for a matter of record. Fire Safety – previously mentioned to the PCC that events including any tables and also chairs must be restricted to no more than 48 persons including a clear corridor space the length of the room of at least 1m wide; if that cannot be achieved then the numbers should be reduced. Remember also that the single means of escape is past the kitchen area which is probably the most dangerous area where a fire could start! Those in charge of bookings and overseeing the use of the room are deemed by law to be ‘persons responsible’ and should be aware that should recommended numbers or layouts be compromised, they would be held personally responsible for any injuries (albeit no doubt protected by the Church’s insurance). It is not good enough to agree to add just a few more people in the room and hope nothing happens!

**Church Lighting**

The matter of upgrading the lighting within the church looks as if it is finally nearing finalising. The PCC have indicated the preferred style of pendant lighting to the nave and this is presently being progressed. As a sample lamp cannot be provided on a sale/return basis from the selected supplier, a decision is required to order all (seems sensible) or just one. I already have a quote the pendant lamps to be replaced. Once this lighting is installed a decision can be made as to whether high level LED lamps are additionally required.

**Parish Council Website**

As webmaster, I continue to publish details of church services and bell ringing. I also place relevant matters on the Parish Website’s Facebook page. In this latter respect church posts (among others) can be made to the Facebook page directly by any villagers, churchwardens etc and it would be good if this were to happen to save me this task! However, it is important that I am provided with this information well in advance. Many is the time that I have to wait for Team Times to be published to pick up the services details! Obviously I am only too happy to publish notices and Reports of all Church events.

David Mantell