

Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund – Alsagers Bank War Memorial (Ref: 16/17001/HBG)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Working Party indicate its views on proposals going to the Planning Committee that:-

A grant of £196 be approved for the repair of the at the War Memorial, Alsagers Bank, subject to the appropriate standard conditions

Purpose of report

To inform the Working Party of an application for financial assistance towards the cost of the repair of this structure which is classed as a non-designated heritage asset and give the Working Party an opportunity to express its views on that application.

This project is to repair and repoint the square First World War sandstone monument. The monument requires repair of the concrete base to the two rear corners and defective mortar needs raking out and replacing. Two competitive quotations have been received from Audley Parish Council who has taken on this task.

The total cost of the work is estimated at £3,914 including VAT. As the monument is neither a Listed Building, within a Conservation Area or on the Register of Locally Important Buildings, it is only eligible for 5% towards the cost of the repairs as a non-designated heritage asset. The Parish Council has been successful in receiving an offer of a grant from the War Memorials Trust of 75% towards the cost of this work before VAT.

The views of the Conservation Advisory Working Party will be reported to the Planning Committee.

Financial Implications

There is sufficient funding to meet this grant application with £34,000 in the Fund allowing for commitments.