

Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund – St Peters Church, Maer (Ref: 18/19001/HBG)

RECOMMENDATION:

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

- 1. £992 for repairs to the stonework of the tower, repointing to three sides of the tower and provision of access, subject to the appropriate standard conditions**

Purpose of report

To inform the Working Party of applications for financial assistance towards the cost of repairs and repointing to the church tower at St Peter's, Maer and give the Working Party an opportunity to express its views on the application.

St Peter's Church, Maer

The Parish church (Grade II*) is on a medieval site and has some 12th and 13th Century fabric with 14th Century additions. It was rebuilt in the 17th Century and restored in 1870. The tower is thought to be early 17th Century. Built from coursed and ashlar sandstone with decorative fish scale tile roof.

The church has recently undertaken works to improve the heating system install an external boiler and provide toilet facilities in the former boiler house (17/00219/FUL). Repairs to the church tower are required and an area of repointing is required following the removal of the old flue. This has caused an area to damp to develop on the west wall of the nave. Two competitive quotations have been received for the works.

The total cost of the works including scaffolding is estimated at £4,960.00. The works are eligible for a grant of up to 20% or up to a maximum of £5,000.

Financial Implications

There is sufficient funding to meet these grant applications with £23,475 in the Fund allowing for commitments.