

**Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund for St Peter's Church, Maer (Ref: 18/19001/HBG).**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the following grant is approved:-**

- 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 enable members to consider the application for financial assistance.

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. The church is 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 of 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.

The Conservation Advisory Working Party have considered this application and they are supportive of it and recommend that the grant be approved.

**Financial Implications**

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