

## **Application for Financial Assistance (Historic Buildings Grants) from the Conservation and Heritage Fund.**

### **Purpose of report**

To consider an application for financial assistance towards the cost of the repair of the following building of special architectural and historic interest.

### **1 Old Vicarage, Mow Cop, (Ref: 13/14003/HBG)**

The property is a Grade II listed building including and forms part of a group with St Thomas's Church and the former school which is now run by Mow Cop Residents Association.

The gable wall is in need of re-pointing and the lead box gutter also needs replacing. The mortar on the gable wall will be raked out by hand and re-pointed up with lime. The gutter will be replaced like for like. The windows on the front elevation have been replaced many years ago with a slight bow. This is an inappropriate design and the owner proposes to reinstate multipaned windows of the same design as the other historic windows on the property.

The cost of the work including VAT is £10,846 of which all is eligible work. As the structure is a Grade II Listed Building, the work is eligible for a grant of £2,170, 20% of the cost.

### **Financial Implications**

There is sufficient funding to meet this grant application with approximately £60,000 in the fund, which allows for commitments.

### **Conclusions**

The repair work is essential for future of the building and the reinstatement of the sash windows will benefit the appearance of the building and should be supported through the Councils grant scheme. It meets all the Council's criteria for the repair and restoration of the heritage asset. The views of the Conservation Advisory Working Party will be reported to the Planning Committee.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**That the Working Party recommends that Planning Committee approves a grant of £2,170 for 1 The Old Vicarage, Mow Cop, subject to the appropriate standard conditions.**