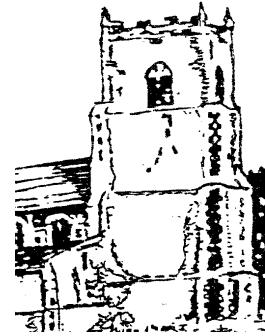


**Minutes of the Meeting of
The Friends of St Mary's, Bacton
Monday 19th October 17:00**

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Present

Sue Holdich (Chair)
Sarah Spink (Secretary)
Andy Friends (Treasurer, Membership Secretary)
Rose Graham
Simon Holdich
Helen Thomson
Garry Spink

Summary

The meeting was conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams.

The Friends met to discuss the PCC's request for financial support, which Andy kindly summarised ahead of the meeting:

Summary

The PCC has asked the Friends to support some work all aimed at addressing the subsidence on the south side of the church as evidenced by the ever-widening gap between the south wall and the tower. At this stage the work is only to investigate the cause of the subsidence, determine what remedial works are necessary and compile a schedule of work through to obtaining quotations from contractors. The total cost of this work will £8,100 which, I stress, does not include the cost of carrying out any remedial works.

In more detail

There are three elements to this work, the first of which is in progress now, if it hasn't already been completed. This is the work quoted by Flow 'n Go last month and is to clean out the existing drainage network and carry out a camera inspection to determine the condition of the drains and whether further works are needed to them. At the same time a new manhole will be installed for future access. The cost of this element is £2,250.

The second element to be carried out by the Morton Partnership and will entail further investigation, including monitoring of the movement to supplement measurements recorded since 2018, analysis to determine the cause of the subsidence, development of recommendations for remedial works and preparation of the necessary schedules and specifications. Tender documents will be prepared, quotation obtained from 3 contractors followed by the appointment of a contractor. The cost of this element is £5,650.

This is the limit of the work covered by the existing quotation which carries the rider that costs for the first element are fixed whilst those for the second are budgetary on the basis that the extent of the repairs is not yet known which may affect the amount of involvement by them and the amount of detail required in the schedule of work.

The third element, but at an early stage, provides for a local builder to be tasked to check the condition of the flashing between the wall and the roof (leaks here may be contributing to the problem) and make repairs where necessary. The cost of this is estimated at £200.

Outcome

After a period of discussion, all seven members of the Friends voted in favour of meeting the full costs, totalling £8,100 This unanimous decision has since been communicated to the PCC.

The meeting closed at 17:43