

Committee	FULL COUNCIL
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St Andrews churchyard wall

We were alerted some months ago by the groundsman to the fact that the wall on the eastern side of the churchyard at St Andrews is leaning away from the church and towards the garden of a garden on Parsonage Street. There is a serious risk that the wall could fall at some point and injure anyone in the garden below, and certainly cause damage to the property. As the Town Council is responsible for maintaining the churchyard, the council would be liable if the wall were to fall. The wall was originally a mixture of flint and brickwork, and has had some poor repairs carried out in the past.

Three quotes have been obtained, one of them suggesting placing buttresses in the garden below, and the other 2 suggesting removing up to 5 courses of bricks from the wall, to reduce the height and the weight.

Quote A – installation of buttresses

£3023 + VAT (does not include cost of a skip which would be needed to take away spoil)

Quote B – reduction of height of wall and repair

£3840 + VAT

Quote C - reduction of height of wall and repair

£8956.56 (no VAT)

Recommendation: that HTC agrees to quote B to repair St Andrews wall using funds from the Environment budget.



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