

	Full Council
Date	15 June 2026
Agenda Item	7g

To reconsider the repair to St Andrews church wall

Sometime on 12 April, due to the road closures, a large lorry with a trailer made its way up Parsonage Street towards Market Hill, and then tried to turn right. The driver was clearly unfamiliar with the town, and the trailer/back end of the lorry struck the church wall, toppling a pillar and damaging the wall itself. This caused considerable damage which needs to be repaired. The Clerk has sought 3 quotes:

Quote 1: £11,172 + VAT

Quote 2: £1750 (no VAT)

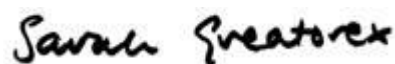
Quote 3: £15109 + VAT

At the meeting on 18 May it was agreed that the church should be asked whether its insurance covers the damage to the wall, and also BDC should be asked to provide CCTV.

The church has confirmed that when the churchyard is closed and taken over by the Town council, the church is not responsible for insuring the churchyard or the surrounding walls, but is responsible for insuring the church. The town Council has already on several occasions made repairs to the churchyard wall. BDC have responded that their CCTV does not provide any images of the accident spot.

The contractor giving us quote 2 has worked on the walls at the churchyard before, and is a trusted craftsman.

Recommendation : that HTC selects quote 2, using funds from EMR set aside for churchyard maintenance.



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