

Grant Application: Works to Memorial Clock

At its September meeting, the parish council carefully considered the various options available to it to bring the clock back into commission for the benefit of its residents, a summary of the points considered and reasons for the decision is set out below:

Following the comments made by Mr Paul Bevan of All Saints PCC at Public Forum (Agenda item 6.2 above), the meeting considered an update on the proposal to accept the Memorial Clock as a parish asset (previously circulated as **WPC.23.09.09**) and taking into account:

- Excello Law's summary of the arguments (set out at Appendix D and summarised on page 2 of Report WPC.23.09.08 AND their difficulty in giving advice to ignore the NALC's concern that the prohibition in s.8 LGA1894 cannot be ignored
- The clerk's oral advice that SALC had confirmed that Baroness Scott of Needham Market's amendment under Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill¹ was in the list of Lords Amendments which the government are supporting
- The arguments set out in the report at page 3 (2a – f) and
- The risks and benefits of each option set out in the report

And being particularly concerned that both current residents of the parish were being deprived of the opportunity to enjoy a heritage asset in the parish and its historical importance in commemorating the fallen of the Second World War

Decided:

- a. that reputational risks to the council of not funding repairs, and the governance risks which the parish may face in going against the existing NALC advice and relying on a contested power to fund the repairs, were outweighed by the benefits to the parish residents of the clock being brought back into use, and
- b. for this reason, the parish council determined to continue to fund the Memorial Clock on an ad-hoc basis when grant applications are received from the parochial church council, with financial support being made direct to the supplier (and thus not the ecclesiastical charity), until such time as any amendment to the LGA1894 becomes law under the Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill and

Resolved

The parish council withdraw the draft agreement prepared by Excello Law proposing that Wickhambrook Parish Council accept the Memorial Clock as a parish asset and notify the Parochial Church Council that it no longer seeks to have the Memorial Clock assigned to it as an asset.

Subsequent to this the clerk has received a grant application (**Appendix A**) from the Parochial Church Council requesting that the parish council fund the necessary repairs to bring the Memorial Clock back into commission.

The clerk has checked with the horologists and an up to date estimate of costs has been obtained (**Appendix B**).

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If the parish council were minded to grant the application, it would rely on powers under s.2 Parish Councils Act 1957.

The Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill has now received Royal Assent, but it has not yet been established whether the relevant amendment to s.8 Local Government Act 1894 passed.

If approved at item 11 on the November agenda, funds to cover the cost of the proposed works would be available under the Memorial Clock revenue budget line.

Action:

- 1) Councillors are asked to consider whether to award a grant (and if so, the value of such a grant) towards the cost of maintenance of the Memorial Clock as requested by Wickhambrook All Saints Church.**

Reports

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APPLICATION FOR A GRANT

Before completing this form, please read carefully the attached document entitled Wickhambrook Grant Awarding Policy. Copies of the form together with the **latest copy of examined accounts** must be submitted along with any supporting documentation requested.

General information for applicants

It is Wickhambrook Parish Council's intention (subject to budget restrictions and available resources) to support initiatives from local community groups and organisations. Priority will be given to applicants who have not previously received grants from Wickhambrook Parish Council. The size of any grant awarded is at the discretion of the Parish Council but will generally not exceed £500 in any one application.

If you have any queries on the completion of this form please contact the Parish Clerk, Wickhambrook Parish Council, 123 York Road, Bury St Edmunds, IP33 3EG.

Email: parishclerk@wickhambrook.org.uk **Details of Your Organisation:**

Name of Organisation	Parochial Church Council of Wickhambrook All Saints' church
Address:	All Saints' church Church Road Wickhambrook Newmarket CB8 8XH
Contact Telephone No.:	07787 284377
Email:	paul.bevan@gmail.com
Registered Charity No.:	Please see https://www.bansfieldbenefice.org.uk/notices/charitystatus.html
If you are part of a larger organisation, its name	Church of England

Principal aims and objectives:

Our vision is of a Benefice, which cherishes and nourishes its members. We believe that God loves all of His children and that all people are made in his image. Consequently, there are no distinctions between who is or is not a member of the Church. We believe in a broad and central Anglican theology and spirituality, drawing on what is good in all traditions, where all Christians may feel at home.

In our ministry and mission we will endeavour to show ways in which we fulfil the Five Marks of Mission of the Anglican Communion:

- To proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom
- To teach, baptize and nurture new believers
- To respond to human need by loving service
- To seek to transform unjust structures of society
- To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth

Our primary purpose is to worship God in word and deed. We seek to deepen our spirituality and awareness of God's will and purpose, individually and corporately. This will include regularly reviewing our services. As a Benefice of seven parishes we celebrate both our unity and our diversity. We seek to extend appropriate pastoral care to all, and to have particular regard to what more we can do with and for the young and the elderly.

We consider it to be essential to be relevant and accessible to the communities in which we are set and which we serve.

We acknowledge our stewardship of the good things, which God has provided from his bounty. We recognise our responsibilities to Him and to each other to regularly review that stewardship, and also to seek to encourage the communities to be responsible for their Parish Churches, as we pledge to seek ways to make the Church buildings more suitable and practical for their users, particularly for the primary use of worship.

We joyfully acknowledge the ministry of all the baptised to shine as a light in God's world. We, therefore, aim to encourage, equip and enable each Church member to fulfil their Christian discipleship according to the gifts and skills that God has given them.

We acknowledge our responsibilities as Christians in the 21st century, as we acknowledge the privilege and joy of knowing God and belonging to his Church, and the fellowship, which we enjoy in the Bansfield Benefice.

Details of Grant Requested:**Explain your need for a grant with the likely number of beneficiaries and their age Profiles:**

The beneficiaries of this grant will be all the inhabitants of Wickhambrook across all age groups.

Firstly the PCC would like to thank the Parish Council for the annual support it has given the PCC to help in its role as custodians (not owners) of this war memorial to those who gave their lives in the two World Wars. (The clock was purchased and installed following fund raising after the Second World War by the village and as such it is a village war memorial in its own right - <https://www.bansfieldbenefice.org.uk/wickhambrook/history/clock.html>)

Unfortunately in early November 2021 a problem has occurred with the clock. The motor that powers the raising of the weights for the bell chiming mechanism has failed resulting with the clock being unable to chime. As the church does not have a horologist expert in its midst and as the clock is an historic War Memorial, expert advice and craftsmanship is required to restore the clock back to full working order.

Thus the purpose of this application is twofold. The PCC as custodians, not owners, of this clock

are looking to the Parish Council for a grant of financial assistance to cover in full: -

1) Repair to the clock – An estimate has been received from Haward Horological of which you have a copy. “To attend site, remove faulty motor, replace and re install to winder return to site and fully service clock and install a new strike motor at the same time.” **The cost is £800.** [The breakdown of the costs are as follows. The clock annual service is £350. The cost of the repair and parts will be £450.

2) Annual maintenance of this war memorial in a similar fashion to the annual maintenance carried out on the war memorial in the cemetery. The regular maintenance keeps the clock in good working order and negates the need for unexpected costly repairs that happen when a component fails in the clock’s mechanism or leading off work. (This maintenance, which usually falls in February, has been met by the Parish Council in previous years.)

In days gone by the PCC has been able and willing to undertake all maintenance, upkeep and operation of the clock but with both a dwindling congregation and greatly reduced church income the PCC finds itself no longer in a position where it can fund these kinds of repairs. The PCC is happy to continue to ensure the running of the clock and payment for its electricity consumption but now looks to the village to keep this war memorial in a working state honouring the people to whose memories it was installed.

As this type of repair is very specialized there are very few people qualified to undertake such repairs. The only company in Suffolk known to the PCC that is appropriate to undertake these repairs is Haward Horological - <http://www.hhlimited.co.uk>. Haward Horological has repaired and serviced the clock regularly since June 2011.

At this juncture the PCC has approached Ian Haward for quotes for the repair work and annual maintenance contract and the estimate is with you.

Grant requested: £800

Last estimate attached (1st August 2022).

To go to site and install a new switch to operate the winder with its own cut out. £450

To go to site and service the clock at a cost of £350

Details of Other Grants:

Received in the last two years: £680 (Servicing of the clock and partial unsuccessful repair of the striking mechanism motor.)

Currently applied for: None

Please use this space for any significant information about your organisation not already supplied:
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This grant application is being made and submitted by the PCC of Wickhambrook on behalf of the inhabitants of the village of Wickhambrook.
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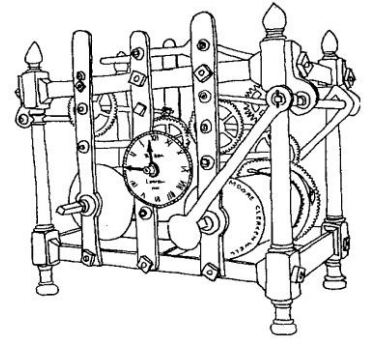
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Specialist Clockmaker and Repairer

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Estimate Date:

21 November 2023

Estimate For :

WICKHAMBROOK CHURCH

Description of works		Price
Estimate One		
To go to site and install new winder motor to old unit and a new switch to operate the winder with its own cut out for the sum of		£1,300.00
Estimate Two		
Estimate Three		
Totals with VAT	Estimate One VAT= £260.00	£1,560.00
	Estimate Two VAT= £0.00	£0.00
	Estimate Three VAT= £0.00	£0.00

Att Hilary Workman

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Estimate valid for 6 months from date
after which a review may be required.
50% deposit with all orders please.

Valid until :

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