LOCAL HISTORY PROJECT

Since the last Parish Council meeting, the Parish Clerk notified successful suppliers to the project. The grant application to the Community Foundation was awarded on 10 November 2021. The application was awarded in full i.e. £16, 813. I have asked the Parish Clerk to inform successful suppliers of the award so that work can commence on the content of interpretation boards and church displays. This has been a real boost to the volunteers in all three villages and hopefully will pave the way for future parish wide projects.

Discussions have taken place with NCC planning officers regarding whether advertisement consent would be needed for the 7 external interpretation boards. Two separate officers were consulted and each gave a conflicting response. Following a meeting at County Hall, it was agreed that advertisement consent was not necessary.

An application for Listed Building Consent has been made for the interpretation board to be mounted on the gable end wall of the Coach House. Application has also been made to remove the existing church services board from the front wall and for it to be placed on one of the pillars to the church gates.

NCC Planning advised that listed building consent was necessary for boards to be mounted within the curtilage of both churches. However, we have been advised by the Archdeacon's Registrar that this is not the case and permission by way of a secular faculty overrides this. A request has been made for a faculty and we await notification.

I am very proud to have chaired this project team. All of the work has been done by volunteers, they have worked hard, used their own time and often funded their own expenses. They have enjoyed working together as a team and as a result, relationships have been forged which will serve the community well in the future. The whole project has been a learning curve for all of those involved. We now look forward to seeing the end result.

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