

PARISH COUNCIL-MAINTENANCE REPORT –JANUARY 2008.

1.Church Refurbishment.

The work to the Church INTERIOR has been completed and appears to have been well received.

The disused Pews have been sold—realising £490.

No further work has been planned or approved.

Estimates received for renovating the remaining (24) pews and kneelers but these and other alternatives will be discussed by the PC BEFORE any further work is undertaken.

2.Buildings (ALL)—a visual inspection has been completed and some written or verbal estimates obtained. These have been incorporated into the 2008 PC Budget considerations and the PC has identified Low, Medium and High priority requirements. In particular—

Presbytery—there is evidence of deterioration externally/internally. A full assessment will be completed and quotations for remedial work obtained. This work will be prioritised according to need and cost.

Church—the exterior woodwork (windows etc) and bell tower needs renovation. Masonry decor is reasonable and can be delayed for 12 months. Quotations to be obtained.

Pathways/walls –no immediate repairs needed. Will be considered within context of possible future changes.

3.Fire Risk Assessment—the Assessment required by recent legislation has been completed and a full report submitted to the PC. The assessment identifies some shortfalls and sets out how these need to be addressed and relevant timescales, in particular, the main Church does not meet the emergency evacuation requirements and early temporary arrangements are needed followed by upgrading of emergency signalling and exit routes. This will receive urgent attention.

4.Church Porch/Entrance—this important ‘first view’ of the church is in need of renovation .A proposal to reconstruct the entrance has been drawn up and will be considered by the PC prior to any planning work being implemented.

5.Parish Office---the review of office facilities concluded that they are adequate for the foreseeable future. Some old filing and copying equipment has been disposed of and new shelving will be installed. Future needs will be kept under review.

Geoff Doyle—on behalf of Maintenance Committee.—Jan 08.