

Members are requested to NOTE this report and CONSIDER the recommendations and RECEIVE a verbal update from Councillor Westwood.

Background

The back up battery has been purchased. Councillor Westwood and the Clerk attended the meeting requested by Church Council to discuss future management of the funds.

History of the War Memorial Clock – information given by Mr J Wright

- The Church Clock is a Parish War Memorial from money raised by local public subscription through a committee acting between 1945- 1948.
- The clock was maintained at first by a person appointed and paid by the church and in 1963 the Parish Council took over this role.
- The Parochial Church Council is not and never has been the owner nor the custodian of the War Memorial Clock nor the Clock Fund.
- The Parish Council arranged major repairs to the clock in 1968, 1990/91 and 2010 and funded much of this work on behalf of the Parish.
- In 1991, Brian Baker, whilst a Parish Councillor for some 20 years, administered this fund. After he left the Parish Council they allowed him to continue managing the Clock Fund. He paid the small maintenance bills from the Fund but never arranged for major repairs to the clock. The fund rose from £45.99 in 1995 to over £4k by 2023.

Recommendations

- a. Members to acknowledge by ratification on behalf of the Parish Council, that due to historic evidence, the Parish Council is the custodian of the War Memorial Clock, both for the donated funds and for its future maintenance.
- b. Members to NOTE that a representative of the Church will undertake the oiling of the mechanism, currently this is the main responsibility of Mr H Benn, along with Mr J Halstead (churchwarden)
- c. Members to NOTE that the War Memorial Clock is insured under the policy of All Saints Church as it is fixed to the building.
- d. Members to APPROVE the addition of the War Memorial Clock to the Asset Register, at a gifted cost of £1.00 (as it was purchased by public donation).

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