

Statement of Needs - St Bartholomews Church Wigginton

July 2024

A visit to the church on 22nd May by members of the DAC and our architect Mr Stefan Skanski considered the best strategy to arrest the gradual subsidence of the right hand flank wall of the main entrance porch to the church.

A trial hole had been excavated and this allowed an inspection of the drain arrangement underground and the limited extent of the foundations.

It was agreed on site that the affected right hand side wall of the porch would be carefully taken down and a new foundation created and the wall then rebuilt using the same materials and in the same method as currently existing. At the same time the drains around the porch would be realigned to ensure that there was no leakage. This included lifting the cobble stones in front of the porch and laying an appropriate gully to take away any surface water. The roof and superstructure are to be suitably supported whilst the works are underway.

Our architect has now prepared a detailed specification of the works required and this is attached. Quotes are now awaited to implement the works with our preferred contractor being the firm that completed the recent works to the east wall of the church.

The trial hole has been backfilled but before doing so the broken drain which was revealed was repaired. We would now like to proceed with seeking the requisite consents to carry out this work to ensure that this is completed before the end of the year.

We note that an archaeologist will be necessary on standby in case any human bones or other finds are uncovered.