

23.60 Church path

Email 28th June

Dear Jenny and Lisa, [church warden]

At the DAC meeting the Committee considered the three proposals, and whilst tarmac with a surface dressing would be one approach, it was felt that such a material would be less suitable than another option, as nearby tree roots could push up the tarmac, damaging the surface and create trip hazards.

It was therefore suggested that Breedon amber gravel would be the best approach. Whilst this would require continued maintenance, for which the parish council are responsible, it would work better with the tree roots and would be preferable to a plain surface. The Council were also to be reminded that planning permission may be required to undertake the work and a related tree survey may be necessary.

The Committee recommended that the church contact the Diocesan Registrar regarding issues raised regarding responsibility for costs and public liability.

The Parish Council are requested to provide the detailed proposal to include drawings and plans and ensure that sustainable drainage system requirements (SuDS) are met/covered in order to progress the matter.

With kind regards,

Sally

DAC Secretary

Email 5th July 2023 from NNC planning

Good morning

I have spoken to our Conservation Officer and he confirmed that it will not require Listed Building Consent, as the church benefits from ecclesiastical exemption. The church isn't exempt from the need for planning permission though, and this proposal would require it (under class N of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015)). Therefore if you wish to go ahead you will need to submit a full planning permission application along with the relevant plans (location plan, site plan, elevations, materials, etc).

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