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Sent: 04 April 2025 10:07
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Subject: Visit to Walsoken Parish Church

Good morning, Samuel,

I am Peter Wadlow a former Churchwarden at Walsoken and Chair of the Fabric Committee. We are delighted to accept your offer to come to Walsoken to discuss with us a possible application for funding for some urgent repairs to our Grade 1 Listed church.

Tony and Jacky our Churchwardens have asked me to offer you a couple of dates they are available. I have asked them to liaise with the Revd Paul Kite as well.

Would you be available Friday 25th April or Tuesday 6th May or Friday June 13th. We are available at ant times on those 3 days.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Best wishes,

Peter

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Sent: Friday, April 25th, 2025, 14:46
Subject: RE: Visit to Walsoken Parish Church

Good afternoon, Peter,

Thank you for meeting me at the church this morning. At the meeting, we discussed:

More role and how I can provide help.

The church and its links to the community. This includes some fabulous community work, a link with local primary schools, coffee mornings, a bat night (which will help with the environmental goals of the Lottery and CofE), and as a training centre for bell ringers.

The needed building repairs.

The National Lottery Heritage Fund and how you can meet the investment principles.

Though we discussed the need for the church to have organisational sustainability. This is important not only for obtaining funding (because it shows the community are engaged in the project), but it's also helpful to the PCC as they seek to launch and follow through such a large project. For this reason, we discussed starting a project group comprised of community members and PCC members that can help to shape and build the project. We discussed All Saints, Elm as a local example who have recently successfully recruited for a project group who are now working towards a Lottery Application and are helping the PCC with other types of maintenance and church tasks. I agreed that I would send a plan for I generally do to help churches recruit a project team:

Discussions between me and the PCC on the plan.

I will write a survey and some advertising for the community; this will hopefully be distributed with the village magazine.

I will draft a document explaining the goals of the project to 'local stakeholders' (e.g. parish councillors, sports clubs, local groups, school) in more detail.

The survey will run for a certain number of weeks (normally 4-6).

In the meantime, we will hold an event or public meetings at which we will discuss our plans in greater detail and get more people on board. I would attend this and give a presentation. You suggested your Pets Day Service could offer a potential slot for this event as many attend who don't usually come.

We will then follow up with those who stated they wished to join the Project Group and create the group. The group will begin to work with the PCC to plan and deliver the project, ably assisted by Holly and me when needed.

I have attached leaflets and documents from similar consultations for project teams that I ran in Elm and am currently running in Weeting and Wicken. Let me know your thoughts on these and whether you wish me to replicate something similar for Walsoken.

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At some stage, Holly will also discuss with you about the process of procuring an architect, as this may be needed for your Lottery Bid. But as I said, Holly's advice and forms make this a much simpler process than it would usually look.

I look forward to hearing back from you.

All best,
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