

Repointing of walls surrounding the car park at 49 High Street

Update

Cllr Clewett and the clerk were delegated to look at the issue of repointing the walls in the car park.

Quotes have been sought from a large number of suppliers based on a specification to quote in linear metres. Many contractors have refused to quote in this manner, stating that the wall does not require great lengths of repointing and therefore not cost effective to quote in this manner. Some have submitted quotes and some have submitted nothing.

The clerk has been in discussion with the chair of buildings and land and the payback team manager about the possibility of one of the professional probationers (or two) repointing the wall. The clerk has mentioned that the pointing should be of equal colour. On inspection the pointing is of normal colour and weathered to the grey colour visible.

The payback team manager has already agreed to rebuild the small section of wall that inevitably collapsed once some of the concrete, debris and boulders were cleared from the plot. At a site meeting he mentioned that he had once particularly good professional probationer who would be able to repoint the wall during the week, subject to being able to clock in and out with the clerk. This particular person could be trusted to do a good job and work alone to get the task completed.

The committee will need to consider whether they wish for the payback team to carry out these tasks free of charge. Councillor Clewett and the clerk will be meeting the payback team manager again on site to discuss this in more detail.