

Request for grant to restore the wall at the top of the Slough

Background

In August 2015, the wall at the top of the Slough and the historic listed milestone were badly damaged by a heavy goods vehicle. Subsequently the Parish Council organised funding to enable the milestone to be restored and relocated to a position where it would be less vulnerable to vehicle damage. At that time, representatives of the Parish Council met with NYCC Highways to request the the end of the wall be repaired and at the same time modified to improve the line of sight on this dangerous corner. NYCC advised that they did not have the funds to undertake this work and that they did not consider the wall to be in a dangerous condition. Since that time, the wall has suffered further damage including the removal of a further section by an HGV in early 2017. Following this incident, representations were again made to NYCC Highways to have the wall made safe. These approaches were rejected.

Proposal

Middleton Tyas Parish Council believes that the wall is in need of urgent repair and restoration to make it safe and to eliminate an eyesore from the centre of this historic village. The end of the wall is crumbling and the cones placed there by NYCC Highways some 18 months ago have deteriorated as a result of being squashed by vehicles.

It is proposed to undertake the following work to address the problem.

- Cut back and remove the ivy, elder and other vegetation along the complete length of the wall.
- Reconstruct the end of the wall in its current location – this is some 2 metres further away from the corner of the Slough than it was before the damage to the milestone in 2015.
- Dig out the foundations of the section of the wall that has been destroyed over the past three years and replace with substantial stones set in concrete that should be able to withstand any vehicle impact. These stones will be positioned so that they are no higher than the remains of the existing foundations at the corner but will stabilise the area and protect the wall from further damage.
- Repair the remainder of the wall as necessary.
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Cost

Everards of Melsonby have quoted a price of £1350 to undertake this work and believe that they can safely undertake the work without requiring closure of the road. Accordingly a grant of £1000 is requested with Middleton Tyas Parish Council funding the balance from its own funds.