



Chideock Parish Council

Mrs V Hunt
Head Churchwarden
St Giles' Church
Chideock

Via Email

13th January 2025

Dear Val

RE: CLOCK SERVICING

Happy New Year! And may I say how very much I enjoyed the Carol Service – I am so glad you decided to hold one even if it couldn't be in the Church – it was a very nice start to the Christmas week and it seemed very much enjoyed by the many people who came.

I have been nudged to writing to you as we are awaiting the completed Grant Form in order that your grant from the Parish Council can be processed. Prior to this, it would seem to be good value and prudent "housekeeping" to negotiate the offer of the 'three year servicing contract' offered by Smiths of Derby as this would save around £200 over the contract period. Once this has been negotiated and the revised costs have been ascertained, please complete the relevant Grant Form and submit to the Clerk.

Members of the Parish Council have indicated to me that they would approve this 'three year servicing contract' as historically this has always been paid for with a grant from the Parish Council to St Giles' Church.

The Dorset Association of Town and Parish Councils have advised us that this procedure should be adhered to, and it is in the same Grant Form that all Parish Council Grants to outside applications for funding are made. However, I understand that for some unexplained reason and without any forewarning to us, this procedure has been changed by yourselves.

There does not seem to be any reason for this sudden change, and I hope that you will be able to complete the Grant Form as usual and take advantage also of the considerable saving that would be made in having the 3 year contract.

I don't want to be difficult Val, but it really would be impossible for us to ignore both years of precedence and advice from the DAPTC.

Yours sincerely

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