

Notes for NT Parish Council meeting 13/07/21

CHURCH TOWER

Now in week 18 of 48. Scaffolding complete. Tower stabilised.

Experts deciding how to proceed next – repair buttresses or piling and anchoring the footings.

Grass cutting and access to gravestones – we now have permission to cut the grass.

Prior to this I was not able to give grant individuals access without permission from insurers or on-site foreman at the very least. Individuals taking ‘own responsibility’ for the dangers would not have been approved.

Re-opening of church

The projections are that work will be complete at the end of January.

Currently thinking about celebrating reopening with a several days of events.

Preliminary Ideas include a concert, various talks (say about ‘*Our treasured glass and its restoration*’; or ‘*Flint working explained*’; ‘*How to secure an ancient building*’ etc) and film shows about the church and its history.) Just ideas at present.

Could open whole village to include activities at the Lodge, the Village Hall and the Common? Parish Council input? Make 2022 a special year for North Tuddenham! Food for thought.....

More wacky ideas include ‘personalised’ flint stones!

Dignitaries, contractors, sponsors, and villagers invited.

Timing – probably March or early April (before Easter).

More info in due course. Ideas welcomed.

Good publicity and planning are imperative!

Rector then spoke about the future of the restored church in the Community.