

Stoke St Michael Parish Council

MEETING Date: ...Thursday 23rd February.....

<p>Agenda Item: Insert wording to appear on the agenda. Remember to make it clear what you are asking your fellow Councillors to do. "To consider..." " To note..." "To review..." "To resolve..."</p>	<p>Proposal as to whether the Parish Council have any objections to the closure of St Michael's Churchyard.</p>
<p>Background Information: Insert as much information as possible so that councillors have the detail that they need in order to make an informed decision</p>	<p>Back in 1975 there were discussions between the PCC and the PC to close the churchyard and acceptance of responsibility for the upkeep of the churchyard by the PC but unfortunately it seems that a formal order was never issued so the PCC are having to re-apply.</p> <p>The Parish Council have received a notice of intention from the PCC to apply to transfer maintenance responsibility to the Parish Council and whether the Council has any objections to the closure of the churchyard.</p> <p>If the Parish Council have no objections the PCC will apply to the Ministry of Justice for a closure order. Once this has been received the Parish Council will be formally asked if they wish to take on the responsibility of the maintenance.</p> <p>Once the order is served upon the Parish Council it is mandatory, and the responsibility must be accepted by the Parish Council within three months of the date of service. The Parish Council may transfer the responsibility upwards to the District Council if they think fit, but once again there is a time limit upon them and if they do not act within three months then the liability remains with the Parish Council.</p>
<p>Costs: Insert detail of any costs associated with the decision that you are asking the council to make</p>	<p>Not at this stage but may be some in the future.</p>