

## *St. Peter's, Great Asby*

### **PROJECT 2017**

#### *Note 2*



When we circulated our first note about our ‘gutters’ project, we said that we hoped to start work in June, as soon as possible after Fair Week. We haven’t quite managed that, but the scaffolding will go up during the first week in July. We are still expecting the work to be completed by the end of August, provided only that seriously bad weather doesn’t disrupt progress.

As originally planned, the Church will be “clad” in scaffolding. The Parish Council has kindly agreed that if required, the contractor may set up a secure compound behind the bus shelter, although he is currently planning to keep as much material as he can in secure storage at his Appleby depot. As previously announced, there will be no public access to the Church during the working week, but public Sunday worship, and access, will continue throughout the period of the project: and special arrangements are in hand – should the occasion arise – for a funeral service to be held.

At the beginning of May, we were able to say that we already had official approval for what is, despite its challenges, “just” a big building maintenance job. At that time, ahead of completing our tendering process, we also knew that we were well on track to meet all the costs of the Project as originally estimated. And by early this month, we had reached our target.

What we did not know then was the extent to which a combination of circumstances (including Storm Desmond’s continuing effect on the demand on Cumbria’s building firms, and the Diocese’s requirement that we should change some of the materials we had planned to use) would increase costs. What was originally costed at over £40,000 *inclusive* of VAT etc now looks like costing us some £45,000 all up *net* of VAT.

So although we thought that we had got there, we now know that we’ve still a bit further to go. But as we wait for the work to start, we’re confident that we’ll get there.

As before, if you have any queries, please address them to any member of the PCC.