

Northwick Church Tower.

a special meeting to make a decision on the future of the above Tower was arranged by the Chairman the Rev J. M. Tree, & took place in the Pilning Village Hall. on 20th October/71

all Councillors attended, and numerous suggestions were made, concerning the value of the Tower as an amenity, & how funds may be obtained if a decision to save the Tower was taken;

& not let it be demolished with the remainder of the church.

Seconded by Cllr Parsons
Councillor R. Singer made a proposition that the scheme to save the Tower be dropped, but the Councillors by 7 votes for to 2 ~~against~~ were against this.

A number of opinions were expressed on the methods by which the the required sum (approximately £615) might be raised in addition to that obtainable from a free 10th of the parish rate.

a suggestion was made & well supported that the efforts to save the Tower should be given the utmost publicity in local newspapers & by any other means to inform the general public that donations would be welcomed, & could be accepted by the chairman or the clerk.

The Chairman suggested that five Trustees be obtained, but no names were put forward. Councillor Parsons said the Council must ensure they obtained a grant from the Ecclesiastical Authorities, as they would be saved the expense of demolishing the Tower.

The immediate work which would have to be done was to make the structure weather proof, the cost of this as submitted by the Architect being £200 leaving of further sum of £415 to be found, which included the architect's fee & expenses for the supervision of the work & certifying payments. Finally Councillor Ball proposed which was ~~2nd~~ by Councillor Snell the following:—

The Chairman made it clear that the Diocese of Bristol would require the Parish Council to take over the churchyard with the Tower. This was accepted & Councillor Ball recommended that the Parish Council put the churchyard into the best possible order. Finally

Councillor Ball proposed & Councillor Snell seconded that

"This meeting, now knowing that the free tenth of a penny rate can be used for the purpose of retaining the tower, it be agreed that the free tenth be so used."

The resolution was passed.