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**St Johns Churchyard, Slimbridge,**

**Listed tombs project**

**Background:**

St Johns Churchyard has 26 listed tomb within its grounds, all now in need of attention to some degree. The Parish Council have commissioned reports on the conditions of all the tombs and are now looking to raise funds to complete repairs to ensure the historical nature of these tombs are restored for future generations. Any works done on the tombs will require a faculty from the Gloucestershire Diocese, and this can only be done once quotes and a contractor are provisionally assigned (works can only be done if funding is successful)

**Tender**

To repair and restore all 24 listed tomb in accordance with the reports attached.

To repair and restore gates, posts, railings and wall in accordance with the reports attached.

To submit quotes for each item setting out methods, techniques and materials to be used.

Submission to include the time it will take to complete the project

The quote will be used to obtain grant funding to carry out the works

All quotes are subject to being made public once the final contractor has been decided, this will be once funding has been secured and a contract officially awarded.

Contractors must be qualified due to the listed status of the tombs in this contract, and the requirements of the Church of England authorities. Both the Parish Council and Diocese will need to approve the contractor.

Contractors are expected to be either conservators accredited by the Institute of Conservation – Icon (ACR) or be able to demonstrate their experience of the conservation of table tombs acquired on similar projects accredited by the Institute of Conservation.

Previous experience and references are required

**Timeline**

The project will not be able to go ahead until all funding is secured, funding cannot be applied for until a quote and contractor are accepted (although noting the quote could potentially change depending on the time the grant takes to go through). The works will need a faculty from the Diocese. The project will only be able to go ahead on the securing of grant funding. All of these take time and once papers submitted to the various bodies, the Parish Council are in the hands of processes needed to go through.

**Outcomes**

The project will involve restoring all of the tombs to the recommended works on the reports and making them safe again. The overall aim of the project is to conserve the tombs for future generations, maintaining the history of Slimbridge.

**Deadlines and contact information**

Deadlines for quote to be received is Friday 21st July. These will be reviewed in August.

Quotes to be sent to Helen Dunn, Parish Clerk at the address above