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Support for Planning Application: Lunds Church, High Abbotside

Full planning permission for a) repairs to internal plaster; b) works to interior finish (incl. reinstatement of wall writing); c) external repointing; d) reinstatement of lime render; e) reinstatement of lime wash (exterior); f) works to door, windows & timber sill; g) reinstatement of altar floor; h) reinstatement of altar rail; i) pointing of floor flags; j) works to rainwater goods; k) reinstatement of electric supply incl. new lighting & heating; l) new plaque fixed to wall; m) reinstatement of bell

Dear Ms Dinsdale

Friends of the Dales **strongly supports** the proposals to restore Lunds Church. This small building is an important part of the cultural heritage of the Dales. The history of its status and its structure over the centuries is an essential aspect of this area at the head of Wensleydale.

Coming upon this isolated building, in the middle of a field with just a few old gravestones nearby, conveys a “sense of place” which is difficult to define. It is discovered with surprise by people walking the nearby footpaths including, in the past, visitors to the former Garsdale Head Youth Hostel at Shaws. Some will recall it over half-a-century ago, before it was deconsecrated and stripped of its internal furnishings; they are saddened by its deterioration.

The accounts by Gaby Rose and Jonathan Ratter are enlightening to non- experts, and show how our understanding of building and conservation techniques has advanced. Moreover, restoration projects themselves have added to this understanding as they progressed, and this will no doubt be the case here.

We commend these proposals and hope that both the application and the necessary LBC will be approved.

Yours sincerely

Signed by Wilf Fenten, Chair, Policy and Planning Committee

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