

All Saints Church Guildford. Premises VG. Notes from meeting on 13th May 2020

Present: RH, PP, SD, DM, TT, CN, PN

Field.

- Many thanks to those who have cut the grass. It is still not clear when Dom will be available to resume work. The grass will need cutting again in the next 10 days (DM & SD). The location for the new location to unload grass cuttings will be decided and marked out (PN, CN), most likely adjacent to the metal shed.
- With the change in the weather no action is proposed on the pathway through to Hedgeway.
- Because of the lock-down there has been no further progress relating to a replacement controller for church heating or in relation to the proposed ground pump project in the field.
- Community project in the field. Here also and for the same reason, no progress to report.

Church

- Pictorial film for the window in the old baptistery. Payment for the film has been made but in the current circumstances production is delayed (Action: PP). The supplier will fit the film.
- Removal of pews.
 - The Faculty has been approved, only Registrar approval now required.
 - Noted that there is a six week lead on the work to remove the existing pews and make good and seal the floor. Also a similar time for delivery of the chairs. PP will contact Lara and follow-up option(s) for disposal of the wood from the old pews.
 - Placement and storage of chairs. The intention is to place an adequate number of chairs in church for regular services and to store the remainder in the Chair Store. This will require some reorganisation of storage arrangements in general. An additional storage bin has been offered by Simon.
 - It is understood that a further £4000 is needed to cover all the costs involved.
 - There is the suggestion that the work on clearing pews, making good the floor and purchasing the chairs might be completed before the current lock-down is lifted. While this would avoid further disruption to regular services it was noted that at the consultation meeting it was stated that the project would not go ahead if donations fell short of the total cost of the project. There is therefore a question as to whether donations have reached the required total.
- Tell-Tale monitors. A new set of photographs is available. Simon will prepare a detailed report but the initial finding is that there is no evidence of major movement.
- Bell tower. DM reported that he needs to address one remaining problem area.
- There has been no progress with replacing the heating controls in church, though an order has been placed.
- Some new photographs are available of substantial cracks in high level windows above the entrance to the church from the foyer (PN). Attention was drawn to these by sections of broken dried putty falling to the floor. It seems the damage to the window was reported in the Quinquennial report. PN and DM to investigate further – when the current restrictions are lifted.

- Reading Room external door. Awaiting a good shower of rain to confirm that the problem has now been solved. No invoice has been received.

Hall

- The Heatmiser control app used for remote control of the heating needs to be made available to one or two additional phones (CN).
- Radiator covers – just two to be completed (DM). Noted that access to the Hall is permitted for maintenance work.
- Storage arrangements. See following

Points arising from the PCC document on Improving Church Buildings

- **Further storage box** – donated by Simon. This is available to collect as soon as current restrictions are lifted.
- **Replace sheds (2)**. In view of the poor condition of both the sheds used for storage the meeting considered the possibility of constructing an area of decking across the external rear wall of the Hall on which two new sheds could be located, with access from a new doorway opened up through the rear wall of the Hall.
- **Development of buildings**. It was agreed that we need to involve the architect in discussions to assess the options and costs of potential developments. Discussion should extend to the future use of the field, meaning that the Eco group should be involved.

AOB

- **Thorn Bank**. The fridge has been replaced.
- **Planned Workdays**
 - 13th June. The usual arrangements cannot apply during the lock-down. Agreed to advertise the jobs to be done and seek help from people able to come at times of their own choosing and work independently. Specific tasks include sorting contents of the metal shed and tidying the surrounding area, garden maintenance, compost maintenance, removing weeds from pathways.
 - **Dates for future work days**. September 12th, then October 17th for year-end tidy-up in field plus maintenance and cleaning work in church as required.
 - Need to identify ways to encourage greater participation in Work Days,
 - **Request for use of Church/Reading Room/Hall for blood donor sessions**. Not aware of any further developments.
 - **Dates for future meetings** – July 8th, September 9th and November 11th.