

# All Saints Premises VG

## Notes from meeting on Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January, 2020

Meeting held at 4 Litchfield Way  
Present RH, CN, TT, PP, PN. Apologies SD, DM.

### 1. Field

- a. **Condition of the two sheds.** Both sheds are in poor condition. Around the edges of the roof there is a lot of rotten wood making it difficult and in places impossible to secure the roofing felt. There is also rotten wood on the sides. As part of the Bigger Picture plans alternative arrangements for storage are envisaged, however, this is still some time in the future. In the short to medium term it is likely that both sheds will need to be replaced. Rather than purchase replacement sheds a contingency arrangement is proposed involving the purchase of additional storage units similar to that now used to store gazebos. These units could be located alongside the side of the Hall (that facing the back gardens of houses in Curling Vale), and would be easily accessible from the main entrance to the Hall. If and when the sheds were removed this would allow an uninterrupted view across the field and on towards the Cathedral.
- b. **Potential for a Community Project in the field.** A number of options for greening the field have been put forward, including the possibility of developing a community orchard, an activity that might encourage on-going community involvement. However, it was noted that the work carried out some two years ago to clear the former "allotment" area was not followed-up and the area has already reverted to a mass of brambles. Any developments in this part of the field will require an on-going commitment.
- c. Carried forward from last meeting - additional slabs are needed to cover and level out the area in front of the Montessorie shed (Action CN/RH).

### 2. Church

- a. **Design of pictorial film for new window in old Baptistry area.** A designer has now been invited to develop and finalise the selected design concept. (Action PP to contact Jo Smalley). The cost of the finished film is estimated at £200-£400. Funds are available to cover this cost.
- b. **Ingress of rain water in Library/Resource Centre area.** An initial fix has been successful. Once the wall is dry it will be painted and the cupboards pushed back towards the wall. More work will be undertaken in Spring to improve the drainage of water from the whole of the flat roof covering the Resource Centre and also the Chapel. The work will also address a point raised in the Quinquennial report concerning the broken pointing between that same roof area and the walls of the church.
- c. **Reading Room.** A leak in the seal at the foot of the glass panel in the Reading Room door has been identified as the cause of the water leaking under the side door to the Reading Room. As a structural problem (rather than relating to installation) Velfac will now refer the problem to the suppliers, Wescot. (Action RH/PP).
- d. **Church heating.** PN to contact Bob Slatter to clarify issues about temperature controls.

### 3. Hall

- a. **Activities at January Work Day.** The material on the seats and backs of some 25% of the folding chairs in the Hall were cleaned. The reminder will be dealt with over the coming weeks. Treated chairs are stored in the Reading Room or Church foyer until they are dry and can be returned to the Hall. In the meantime the remaining chairs in the Hall are

sufficient for day to day users and usage. The Work Day also included fixing PA system wires and a major clean-up and tidy-up. In the car park the white and yellow lining marking parking places was renewed. Many thanks to all those who participated.

- b. It was agreed to go ahead with installation of the remote control for the Hall heating, quoted at £404 (Action TT).
- c. The Digital Survey has been completed and results are to hand. This will inform decisions relating to the Big Picture developments.
- d. **Radiator covers.** Many thanks to Dave who has replaced the most severely damaged of the grills on the radiators. The remaining grills will be replaced over the coming weeks as opportunities arise.
- e. **Remaining work in Hall.** More time is needed to complete work in the Hall. This will be included in the tasks for the next Work Day – April XX.

#### **4. Thorn Bank**

- a. A leak has been reported from the toilet. Also a problem with the ballcock. Agents to arrange necessary repairs.

#### **5. Any Other Business**

- a. Onslow Village Centenary celebrations. The main event will be held on the recreation ground on July 5<sup>th</sup>.
- b. Meeting dates for Premises VG for the remainder of 2020 are confirmed as March 11<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup>.
- c. The revised dates for Work Days in 2020 are as follows
  - i. 22<sup>nd</sup> February, morning only – to complete work in the Hall – Hall to be booked – and additional work in Church
  - ii. 4<sup>th</sup> April – full day including work in or around church
  - iii. 6<sup>th</sup> April - remaining work (if any) in Hall – provisional booking required
  - iv. 13<sup>th</sup> June. Work on grounds in advance of Fete (on 20<sup>th</sup>). (Hall unavailable)
  - v. 19<sup>th</sup> September. Full day, proposed as a community event with maintenance work on grounds plus activities – including apple crushing
  - vi. 17<sup>th</sup> October. Year-end tidy-up in field plus maintenance and cleaning work in church as required.