

## **All Saints Church Guildford. Premises VG. Notes from meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

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

### **Field.**

- The mower has been working well and the grass has been cut and will be cut again this weekend (SD+DM).
- The new location to unload grass cuttings is just beyond the metal shed. The area is heavily overgrown and needs to be cleared (PN, CN).
- Community Project. The proposal has been to have a Work Morning followed by BBQ and apple crushing with invitations extended to Hedgeway and Curling Vale residents plus members of OVRA and OVG. Date set is 19<sup>th</sup> September. In discussion following was noted and agreed:
  - With the uncertain situation relating to COVID19 and the risk of spreading infection in a large gathering it was agreed that the BBQ and apple crushing event should not go ahead. It is therefore cancelled.
  - For the Work Morning the proposal has been to cut back encroaching shrubs all around the field to within a maximum of six feet from the fence line. With the number of people involved and the large area to be covered it was agreed that the Work Day could go ahead provided we observe the constraints imposed from lockdown.
  - It was noted that to date there has been no communication about future plans for the field with residents in Hedgeway and Curling Vale who have gardens bordering the field. It was agreed that we need to share details of what is proposed and be sensitive to their concerns. We also need to get clear guidance from the Diocese on legal ownership and rights of access relating to the field and how it is used. (Action RH, CN).

### **Church**

- Removal of pews.
  - All the wood from the pews has been removed, with donations amounting to around £700. The final sections of metalwork are due to be collected over the coming weekend.
  - The floor has been sanded and treated.
  - The new chairs are due for delivery during the week starting August 10<sup>th</sup>. Some additional seats will be provided to be available as replacements if and when needed. There are also arrangements in place in the event that chairs need to be repaired.
  - With the partial lifting of lockdown restrictions the church will open for personal prayers on X days a week from X date. Pending delivery of the new chairs some Hall chairs will be placed in church – carefully positioned to ensure the required level of social distancing.
- Pictorial film for the window in the old baptistery. Final details for the production are almost complete with production likely to be completed in the next two to three weeks. The supplier will be responsible for installation.
- Reading Room door. There is still a small amount of water getting in through the door. Latest work by PP has identified two possible routes of entry. A test process has started which will indicate which of the two is the source of the problem – but not until we have some significant rain.

- Rain ingress via the Bell Tower. DM will apply more bitumen.
- Tell Tale - report from SD to be circulated
- New window in Resource Area. The woodwork on this window has been damaged. DM to investigate
- New window behind the choir stalls. Rain water has got in and the woodwork at the top is badly stained. DM to seal around the lintel and capping stone.
- New heater control. Work still not done, but needs to be in place for the change in season from September.

## Hall

- Blinds have been installed.
- Radiator covers – all the damaged ones have been repaired. The same upgrade will now be applied to all the other radiators (DM).
- Montessori – request to place a second shed. For the future the hope has been to develop new storage facilities directly accessible from the Hall. However, this is a long term aim and in the meantime it was agreed that as a temporary measure a shed could be placed on the existing concrete slab to the rear of the church shed. The shed will be purchased, supplied and installed by Montessori. It needs to be made clear that the shed will have to be removed if at some future date that area is required for other purposes.

## AOB

- **Thorn Bank.** Nothing to report.
- **ECO Group.**
  - The church plans show there is an 11 inch cavity in the walls that may be filled with insulation material. There is a requirement from Synod that the cavity wall insulation be completed within ten years.
  - The roof consists of three layers of board stuck together, so there is no simple option for insulation. There is the further problem that the cabling for the lights is fed through these boards.
  - Because the high level windows around church are so variable in size additional external glazing would be preferred.
  - There has been a proposal for a pumping system that would ensure better circulation of warm air. At present this rises towards the roof and is wasted.
  - A dual flush system is available and can be installed in the toilet (DM).
- **Big Picture**
  - With the changes to seating in church it is hoped that more use may be made of the church building. However, this will require much improved toilet facilities. With the digital survey available a meeting has been arranged with the architect to explore the options and how best this may be achieved (RH). Concern was expressed that any work that was undertaken be compatible within the scope of long term developments envisaged as part of the Big Picture.
- **Blood Donor sessions**
  - Recent changes to the regulations relating to blood donor sessions mean that the church facilities are no longer considered adequate for this purpose.
- **Planned Workdays**

- There will be an additional Work Day on 22<sup>nd</sup> August as well as that scheduled for 19<sup>th</sup> September. The initial list of tasks for August includes work on Memorial Garden, re-laying loose slabs in the Memorial Garden paths, dealing with problems with inspection covers and completing painting of white lines in car park.
- **Dates for future meetings** –September 9<sup>th</sup> and November 11<sup>th</sup>.

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