

Meeting with Jen on 20th November at Church.

1. We talked about the proposed two new rooms in Church.

Nick explained that we were reluctant to extend too far eastwards from the pillars under the balcony for a number of reasons. From an architectural and appearance perspective we do not want to enclose the tall windows.

We want to keep a good space between the rear pews and the new rooms for use for displays at part of the Heritage initiative and so we can put more chairs out for large events such as concerts, services such as Remembrance Sunday and large funerals. As we have the large vestry where the community library is and there is a large meeting room in the Community Centre, we do not need two large rooms. What we need are cosy areas for creche facilities/research room and the other one is for small meetings especially for schools who need one to one consultation space away from the schools.

Jen was supportive of what we were proposing and felt we had good reasons for not extending out too far. She said we should go for a traditional partition for the lower sections of the walls which may be a lot cheaper than solid glass. We can still have glass doors. She also said we could go for a decorative fascia to hide the flat roof part picking up on the style of N.F. Cachemaille-Day.

2 We then looked at the main crack in the southeast corner of the church. Jen reiterated that these types of cracks are to be expected in our type of building. She gave me a booklet on 'lime in building' which she would like back. I also took a photo of the book she suggested we buy- Old House Handbook by Roger Hunt and Marianne Suhr.

3. We discussed the ramp at the front. She agrees that we should not cover the bases of the sandstone pillars in the entrance porch. So, she is suggesting we come away from those but agreed it could reflect the shape of the porch i.e. taper in towards the west doors. She has had a word with the Council's disability officer who is willing to advise up on what is needed and may be able to recommend someone to design it with a specification.

4 We looked at the proposed ramp to the currently locked door on the south elevation and that would need to come from the pavement so may involve quite a length of access again designed to disability standards. It is hoped the disability officer can advise on that.

5 We looked at the Men and Women Shed- it is within the setting of the listed building but as we need to submit a faculty application Jen explained that as the works do not directly impact a listed asset a Listed Building Consent application is unlikely to be required- however, depending on the scale of the new addition a Planning application may be required if the new structure does not fall under Permitted Development rights. We should seek the advice of the DAC on any need to submit applications.

6 We looked at the guttering and drainpipes proposal- we need to get some calculations to see what is needed and they should be in metal perhaps aluminium. A very important part of the proposal is to survey the condition of the soakaways especially as the DAC identified a possible wet area beneath the floor in the sanctuary.