

PROJECT MEETING 4.3.26

Present: Nick BB, Jeff, Katie, Simon, Chris, Nick M, Jan B-B

Apologies: Sue is stepping back from the team to concentrate on other Church activities– Team want to send their thanks for all her work and contribution to the project over the last two years.

Last Action Points: all accepted – no further comments.

Jeff's Briefing Note

1. Biodiversity Meeting.

This was to engage with local schools. Sadly, with late advertising there was a poor turnout. They are happy to return (with earlier advertising to schools). But what they put on was really good.

2. Heritage Meeting.

12 people attended, including Frances Hall.

Rebecca Dyde is happy to co-ordinate the group (Next Meeting- 28th March at 10.30am)

Sharon Forman from the Warwickshire Records Office is happy to come & talk to the group. (Meeting organised for April 9th)

Chris is interested in researching the gravestones around the church.

There could be a link to the library – with possibly joint funding from the Parish Council (after discussion with Glenys) (Parish Council meeting on 3rd March agreed this)

3. Electrical Installation.

Jeff and Nick are now recommending JCW Company as the preferred contractor. A recommendation will go to the PCC.

4. Meeting with Church Architect.

It is clear from DAC that the Church Architect, Steven Matthews, will need to sign off any specifications of works that affect the fabric of the Church. It is also clear that where Steven recommends, we will need to engage experts to sign off other work such as structural engineer (Steven recommends Clive Haywood) and arboriculturist.

5. Funding.

Jeff has produced a list of possible funders and produced a comprehensive document on what they will fund and what they will need. He contacted 9 to see if our project would meet their criteria, 6 replied quite quickly and were all positive.

An interesting one is the Warwickshire & Coventry Historic Churches Trust, of which we would need to become a member. It was agreed we should.

Discussion of funding strategy to be had with Andy Duncan (Diocesan Grants Advisor) at Jeff and Nick B-B's meeting with him on 11th March.

Possibly the Heritage Lottery Fund will be a contingency where we cannot get specific funding.

Katie and Margaret have agreed funding from their community funds towards the Men and Women in Shed proposal.

Katie said that there is a new Shared Prosperity Fund from the Borough Council. It would be worth looking into this fund.

Thanks were given to Jeff for all his research and work on funding.

6. Document Management.

Because of the amount and complexity of all the documents being produced Jeff has drafted a Document Quality Control System.

This was agreed by the team. A digital storage system may be continuing on Sue's website. It was agreed that Jeff & Chris would work together on this.

Update on Faculties, Planning and Funding Applications

1. Faculties.

- a) Men & Women Shed – An amended layout has been prepared which moves new shed further away from the end of the community centre hall (to reduce any fire risks from wooden shed). Amended plan submitted to DAC and to North Warwickshire Planning Department.

Nick BB to check with Jeff Brown whether he thinks planning application can be dealt with under delegated powers (Jeff thinks it can be).

- b) New heating & electrical systems- Details to answer questions from DAC heating advisor have been submitted but no response yet.

Nick B-B to inform the DAC of urgency of the proposals as Church Boiler has failed and we need new system in place before next winter.

The church insurers require any new pew cushions to have the kite-mark. Existing ones do not have that so new ones will have to be bought through parish buying system which has ones with kite marks, but they are more expensive.

- c) LED lights – DAC new electrical advisor has asked for details. Jeff has a meeting with preferred electrical contractor on 9th March to look at that.

- d) Monitoring of Crack and installation of Root Barrier- Following the meeting with Steven Matthews and Steven's subsequent

telephone call with Clive Haywood it was agreed to withdraw the DAC applications for those works. The crack to be monitored for 12 months in line with the Structural Engineer's report. A meeting with Clive to be arranged during that period.

Net Zero Funding Application – the three applications deferred at the December Grants Committee were reconsidered at their meeting in February following discussions with the Area Dean.

1. New LED lighting fittings are now going through a mini review.

2. Heating and electrical proposals - the Grants and DAC committee want us to focus on getting agreement on these proposals before pursuing further faculties and funding applications. The team agreed to this.

3. Solar Panels- application declined due to overshadowing of the Church and doubts on legal situation. Colin offered to meet to work with us on this proposal. (Meeting dates given to Colin- awaiting response.)

Any other business- None.

Date of next meeting- Thursday 16th April at 7.00pm in Library. Katie cannot make this meeting but meeting mainly to agree what is to be reported to PCC and Nick Miles can attend.