

MINUTES FABRIC COMMITTEE MEETING 7TH MAY 2015

Those present Lee Peckham , Jo Murray-Smith and Miriam Crewe

1. Prayers
 2. We approved the minutes of the last meeting 11th March 2015, altering the fact that the gutter board on Stirling Cottage had not been painted.
 3. Matters arising –
Stirling Cottage- Steve Carson's work is still pending. Jo suggested we check the pointing (to be completed by Steve), is appropriate to the stonework already there (*Action- Jo will inspect and recommend*).The tenants have now completed 4 rooms and have stripped out the kitchen and knocked down the wall. Expenses so far amount to £1700 well under the budget set. Chris Goodman is liaising with the insurance company to claim for the leaking roof and airing cupboard ceiling repairs.
New committee member Jo Murray-Smith has agreed to stand on the Fabric Committee, does this need to be passed by *the PCC*?
Church roof project- The next step is to obtain a current Quinquennial report. We have had quotes from Janet Newton - £800 and Jeremy Poll £875. Jeremy Poll comes highly recommended, has QQ experience, is on the Diocese list and has worked with the Diocese on re roofing projects. Lee proposed and was seconded by Jo to employ Jeremy Poll to complete the Quinquennial. *We need the PCC to support this*. When we have the report completed we can then decide on the priority for future work. *Jo- to look at grant applications*.
Ladders – The new ladders were placed on the hook in the tower, however it was noticed that these also were starting to corrode (due to a reaction between the aluminium and the limestone/mortar walls). They are now stored in the church on top of the large ladders. As there is no longer a use for the ladder hook in the tower it was decided that this should be removed. It could be a danger when the tower door is used as an exit/entrance.
Outhouse/chimney demolition – We will await the QQ report on this.
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- Large Shed – Pete Hosefell would like to pay for and erect a 16x10 foot shed adjacent to the Galley Lane hedge, behind the car hard standing area. He has checked with planning and we do not need planning permission for this. We therefore could see no reason to object to this.
- Small garden shed – The garden shed is completely rotten, it is not acceptable for a rental property. Miriam proposed that we should replace it (size approx 8x6 foot). Jo and Lee agreed. There is already a concrete hard standing where it could be placed. We would ask Pete to erect the new shed and take down and dispose of the old garden shed. *Do the PCC agree?*
5. **Drain/pipe** cover on wall outside kitchen area. This cover had completely rotted away. Lawrence Thomson has made a new cover, which is of an excellent standard. Dave Crewe supplied most of the wood; the total cost was therefore £12.94.
 6. **Notice board** near the doctor's surgery. The roof to this had gone rotten. Dave Crewe repaired it and supplied the wood. It will need replacing sometime in the future.

7. **New Road church wall** – This area of wall has been causing some concern as it is bowing out towards the road. Jo asked Declan Morgan (Building control officer to look at it). He considered that it is not a danger to the public, at present. Movement is likely to be slow, it is caused by the roots of the large (protected) tree. Unless it is unstable it is best to leave it alone. *Action – Jo* will measure the angle of the lean and monitor it.
8. **Electric Certificate 24/8/2013** We had the church electrics checked by Ian England. *Action Lee* to ask Matt where the certificate is.
9. **Flood lights** – Jean Wavell reported that the flood lights are not working. Before we spend more money repairing the second light we decided we need some advise on lighting around the church. We will ask this to be included in the QQ. *Action Jo* – to ask a lighting consultant (Frank Kelly for advice)
10. **Next meeting** –When the QQ has been completed - End July 2015