

Minutes of St Aldhelm's DCC meeting

2nd July 2018 @ The Huxley's House

PRESENT:

Juliet Wynne, Wendy Clarke, Rachel Huxley, Edward Huxley (acting chair), Malcolm Jones (Churchwarden), Ian Chesters (Churchwarden), Rachel Ireland, Rachel Wakeford, Ruth Fuller, Zoe Ireland, Carol Rowe.

Apologies: George Turner, Alan Baker, Mark Jones.

1. INTRODUCTION

Edward opened with prayer and a bible reading.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

These were agreed as a true record.

3. Matters Arising

Messy church financial arrangements - £60 has been given to Carol from general church funds and £400 has been designated to Messy Church if and when it is needed funded from the general church funds. It was proposed the restricted fund be closed on 31st Dec. Carol will keep a record of income and outgoings and provide an annual report. Edward proposed and Wendy second with a unanimous positive vote.

Orders of service for use in morning worship – Edward presented an updated version. Overall there was agreement that something new was needed but the content needs more discussion. Rachel Ireland asked if we had made a choice about the type of service St Aldhelms want to move forward with. The direction of the type of service has just depended on who is leading rather than a decision being made. It was agreed a further meeting would be needed on this.

Legacy Money – No progress since last DCC

Action – Edward to contact Chris Bradley as the May minutes.

4. Safeguarding/ health and safety

No Incidents reported.

Vicky Rees has resigned from being the Safeguarding Officer. There is therefore no a vacancy for this role.

Action – Wendy will look on the diocese website to see what information is available regarding the roles tasks and responsibilities. Then the congregation can be asked if anyone would like to take this role on.

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5. Fabric update

Edward read the main points from the last Fabric group meeting on 21st June provided by Mark Jones:

Vestry window

The 18th May DCC meeting approved this, reference the quote for £3,108 + VAT for this repair from Ian Humphries. Ian Chesters is progressing the List B application. The intention is for the work to be done this summer. The process is (1) an estimated 1-2 days to remove the parts requiring repair and temporarily close the gaps in the window; (2) work off-site in his workshop; (3) 1 day to restore the window with the repaired parts.

Chancel Roof

The quote from Derek Nutt and Optimum has been received and is for £7,800 + Vat for scaffold access; plus £525 per square metre for tile repairs. Whilst "per square metre" is an odd unit, we can guess that in the order of 10-12 areas of repair might be needed (this is the estimated number of damaged/broken tiles) and so this cost could be some thousands of pounds, up to £5-6,000. The combined cost could thus be in the order of £13-14,000 + VAT. This is very high for the scale of the work involved, and so we are looking at alternatives.

The 21st June meeting considered an alternative approach of using relatively cheap tower access, for which St George scaffold has quoted some hundred of pounds for a day's access, with work on the roof to be done by a roofer previously used by Mark Cardwell ("Craig"). The roofer may need some support with ladders and special tools for the work. This could give us, at cost in the region of £1,000 (to be confirmed): (a) repairs to what are likely to be the most urgently-needed tile damage, at the rounded end of the roof; (b) a closer viewing of the other damaged tiles and assessment of what work needs doing and its urgency.

Redecoration on the Chessel Street Side of the Church

The Optimum quote is £2,696 + VAT for the redecoration of the Sunday School room, lobby and side aisle. The previous £2,500 + VAT estimate is lower than this and considered probably the best we will get. However, a price for a reduced scope will be requested, probably just the side aisle, in view of the cost of other works (above).

6. Finance update

It was discussed that the DCC has not seen the final accounts and George has said these are still with Annalisa. It was agreed the DCC would like to see a copy of either

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the unaudited accounts or the audited ones by the end of July. Also a mid-year report would be beneficial.

Action – Edward to ask George

7. **Vacancy update**

An announcement will be made at the scheduled meeting on 10th July at 7.30pm in the crypt.

8. **Vision Group Update**

Malcolm gave an update, which was included on the newsletter dated 24th June.

9. **Date for the diary**

Pastoral training dates Oct 20th and Nov 17th 10am – 12pm

Next DCC – Weds 12th Sept

10. **AOB**

The Sofa in church is not fit for purpose so it was agreed we would look for a new one.

Action – Zoe to look for free Sofa's on Facebook.

The meeting concluded with prayer.