



Pearson Trust Working Group

March 2017



Minutes of the Pearson Trust Working Group Meeting

Date: 1st March 2017 OSR 7:30 pm.

1. Apologies

Members present: Jane, David, George, Alice, Moyra, Debbie and Michael

Apologies for absence received: None

2. Notes from last meeting –

Errors in text changed during the meeting.

Action: Alice to recirculate with these minutes.

3. Actions and Matters Arising from Last Meeting

Action brought forwards: Moyra to investigate sourcing a machine to do a seismic survey of the graveyard for an early archaeological investigation.

4. Pre-feasibility study

JCA have produced the survey drawings – elevation, floor plan and topos.

Marion Barter and Mike Darwell to attend the church on 7th March 11am to undertake heritage assessment.

5. Meetings with external parties

Marion Barter for the Heritage Assessment of the church - 7th March 11 am at the church.

JWK 20th March 3pm OSR

6. JWK Update

JWK suggest that there is sufficient evidence to apply to land registry for possessory title of the OSR. As part of the process JWK will take statements from people who have been involved in the building's use for the last 12+ years, to show how the public at large have been prevented from entering the property and using it without the permission of the management committee/trustees.

The entity that makes the possessory title claim can be a trust or a company.

7. Other examples



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David provided a summary of other examples of churches that have been given a community function/space, including Yealand and Bilsborrow.

8. Historical Research Update - Summary

Moyra has a copy of the judges charge for the Thatham vs Wright case and the book titled '*The History of the Township of Gressingham*'. Within these volumes was no further evidence of ownership of the OSR by parties other than the village.

Action: Moyra to investigate the existence of the Chippendale Trust in Gressingham.

9. Village Consultation / April exhibition

Dates and times agreed – Friday 21st April 2-6pm, Saturday 22nd April 2-6pm and Sunday 23rd April 5-7pm with a Q&A session open to all at 7pm. The whole committee will be present during the Q&A session. A rota to be set up for PTWG member to be at the exhibition.

Action: Alice to investigate loaning the exhibition boards at Slaidburn Village Hall for displaying the posters upon. Michael to investigate the availability of exhibition boards in the Parish Churches.

Action: George to extract the addresses of properties in the village from the electoral role of the parish of Gressingham.

John Hamlett is assisting with the layout and printing of the exhibition posters. A list of posters for the exhibition was formulated.

Action: List to be refined and posters allocated by Jane and Alice on Thursday 2nd March at 11am (see below):



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Poster No	Content	Name
1	OSR History (pre 1835)	Moyra
2	OSR History (1835 +)	Moyra
3	OSR History (School diaries and anecdotal stories)	Moyra
4	OSR History – 20 th Century	Michael
5	Consultations and meetings (who, when, where, why and list of contacts)	Jane
6	History of the church (Heritage Assessment and opportunities for the church)	Alice
7	Other examples of churches and what they have achieved (display mainly of images)	David
8	Footprint options (Architects drawings)	? Decide after meeting with M. Darwell
9	Footprint Plus (Architects drawings)	? Decide after meeting with M. Darwell
10	No change (including images of Claughton church or other examples of derelict churches)	George
11	Budget Poster (Capital costs of the project options)	Debbie
12	Running costs of the church (minus the vicar's fees/CofE charges)	Debbie
13	Project timeline	Jane
14	Legal summary of work that JWK has done (possessory title)	? Decide after meeting with JWK
15	Details of the efforts made by the village over time to establish ownership of the OSR	Jane

Drafts of the posters to be sent to Jane by Thursday 16th March.



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John Hamlett and Jane to edit and layout the posters for printing. John Hamlett to arrange printing. Approximate cost of printing £4.67 +VAT and delivery per A1 sheet.

Posters to have max 400 words per page, 100-200 per page with images. Booklets/hard copies of the posters will be available (A4 size) at the exhibition.

10. Date of the Next Meeting

Monday 20th March at 7:30 pm OSR.

Second meeting: 5th April 7:30 pm OSR

Setup the exhibition 20th April OSR (time to be arranged)