



Pearson Trust Working Group

June 2017



Minutes of the Pearson Trust Working Group Meeting

Date: 14th June 2017 Gressingham Hall 7:30 pm.

1. Apologies

Members present: Jane Paxman, David Wiper, Alice Helyar and Moyra Jacques,
Apologies for absence received: George Metcalfe, Debbie Robinson and Michael Hampson

2. Minutes from last PTWG meeting

Jane has sent comments to Alice; Alice to make changes and re-issue.

3. Actions and Matters Arising from Last PTWG Meeting

Comments received from Historic England regarding the Statement of Significance.

4. External meetings

Planning Department – Morecambe Town Hall, 24th May 10am; attended by Jane and David.

A discussion over the process of the community right to build and referendum. Recommended doing a pre-application enquiry regarding the conversion of the OSR to a residential flat. Clarification over parking sought. Care of closed churchyards passes to the local authority. Lancaster to advise if this is compulsory.

Archdeacon – Gressingham Hall, attended by Michael Hampson, Jane Paxman, David Wiper and Moyra Jacques on 6th June 2017.

Highlighted the consideration of 'care in/and community' with this project that should be considered by the Chancellor when evaluating the proposals. Advised to follow ecclesiastical route rather than LPA and go through LPA for conversion of OSR, which will utilise the CRB order.

5. Next steps

Action: Michael to pass contacts for Victorian and Georgian Societies to Jane. Jane to undertake consultations with the Victorian and Georgian Societies.

Action: Contact CBC and begin consultation with this group.

Action: Consultation with the War Memorials Trust to discuss the plaque on the organ.

Action: Contact a salvage expert/stone mason to discuss the Marton Tomb.

Action: Consult with SPAB (Society for the protection of ancient buildings).



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Action: Check minimum space requirements for residential flats (Alice to action)

6. Future funding

The Department for Community and Local Government has a fund administered by Groundwork UK, of up to £40k per project which is preferably released in several stages through the project, that enables projects to proceed to the planning permission submission stage. The village needs to put up at least 10% of the money.

Action: Jane to contact Sir Nick Pearson with feedback from the exhibition and analysis of data, and ask about providing the 10% match fund for the grant.

7. Reports to consider attaining

Action: Jane to contact Mike Darwell for advice regarding compiling the 'Statement of Need' and the business case. Jane to contact Mike Darwell regarding the costs for the Heritage Assessment to be done by Marion Barter.

8. Public consultation

Discussion held over potential alternative for providing power and heating to the church. Suggestions proposed include hydro-electric power, water source pump and ground source pump. **Action:** Jane to contact the village members who have suggested these alternatives and ask them to investigate further.

Mel Kenyon has offered his expertise regarding acoustic analysis of the church.

9. AOB

Jane to follow up JWK for progress report.

Jane and Moyra to go through paper work and provide evidence of OSR ownership.

10. Date of the Next Meeting

19th June 2017 at 7:30pm Gressingham Hall.