



Pearson Trust Working Group

September 2017



Minutes of the Pearson Trust Working Group Meeting

Date: 6th September 2017 Gressingham Hall 7:30 pm.

1. Apologies

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

2. Minutes from last PTWG meeting

Changes to the minutes from the meeting in July were made and the minutes were accepted. Alice to re-issue.

3. Actions and Matters Arising from Last PTWG Meeting

Future funding – Jane has arranged a meeting for Sir Nick Pearson to discuss mutual funding of the next grant aided stage in the process. Members from the Trustees of the Old School Room, PCC, Parish Council and Fellowship to be invited.

Stakeholder Meeting arranged for all consultees (including Victorian Soc, Georgian Soc and SPAB) to attend (see point 8 below).

Actions still to be followed up:

- a. Consultation with the War Memorials Trust to discuss the plaque on the organ - Jane has a contact to follow for this;
- b. Contact a salvage expert/stone mason to discuss the Marton Tomb – Michael to contact Tony Holmes (monumental mason) or John Pince (construction ind.); and
- c. Jane to contact Mike Darwell regarding the costs for the Heritage Assessment to be done by Marion Barter.

4. PTWG Membership

We were very sad to hear of the news of George Metcalfe's passing. We very much valued his contribution to the PTWG and he will be greatly missed. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

We think it would be valuable to invite a new member to join the group and Jane will be making some informal enquiries.

5. Grant Application for Pre-application Work

Grant programme runs from 2015 to 2018 (March). Due to possible end of funding, an application for the whole £40k available will be made ASAP after stakeholder meeting.



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6. CBC meeting

A meeting with Joseph Elders from the Church Buildings Council on 2nd August 2017, was held in the church to discuss the options of the ownership of the church. The meeting provided useful information regarding our options. The most viable options for the village in this case are: 999 year lease from the C of E; or, outright ownership. It was agreed that the C of E would be more interested in a leasehold and we would benefit from ecclesiastical insurance and long term ownership of the building would not rest with the village along with responsibility of maintenance. Ground rent may be incurred and may be instructed by C of E to carry out certain works, but ultimate ownership rests with C of E.

Action: to further investigate the differences between the options in more detail.

7. Statement of Need.

The PTWG to compile the Statement of Need, which presents the sustainable (Economic, Social and Environmental) case for the project. Due to the importance of the building, we have been advised to treat the project as a 'Major Project' in terms of the Statement of Need. The report was divided into sections between the members of the PTWG for completion.

Action: Rough draft to be completed by 17th September. Final statement to be issued on 28th September for consideration in the Stakeholder's meeting.

8. Stakeholder Meeting

A meeting arranged for 12th October 2-5 pm (2-3 pm in the Church, 3-5 pm OSR) to which all interested parties have been invited. Tony Baldry from CBC (Chairman of CBC) is to attend. External invitees include members from the DAC, Blackburn Diocese, LPA, Historic England, Georgian Group and Victorian Soc.

9. Date of the Next Meeting

22nd September 2017 at 7:30pm Lodge Barn/Lodge Farm.