



Pearson Trust Working Group

January 2017



Minutes of the Pearson Trust Working Group Meeting

Date: 5th January 2017 Gressingham Hall 7:30 pm.

1. Apologies

Members present: Jane Paxman, David Wiper, Alice Helyar, Moyra Jacques and Michael Hampson

Apologies for absence received: George Metcalfe and Debbie Robinson

2. Notes from last meeting –

Dates to be changed and two errors in text noted.

Action: Changes to be made and Alice to recirculate with these minutes.

3. Actions and Matters Arising from Last Meeting

Michael has found examples of churches with conservatories, but considered unlikely to be on Grade 1 listed buildings. No examples found on Grade 1 buildings.

The heritage assessment of Whittington Church that Michael was seeking out has been superseded by Richard Waldrige's quinquennial report and therefore no longer needed. Michael sent Jane the heritage assessment for Gressingham Church.

Mike Darwell contacted Marion Barter regarding the scope of the heritage assessment.

No need to contact the DMAPC for a meeting/discuss their remit until further along in the process.

George organised the meeting with Richard Waldrige.

Jane has given the paperwork to JWK and will be meeting them to go through it all with them soon to ensure they have everything that they need.

Jane waiting for a quote from JWK enabling the PC to use money from the grant towards legal fees. Then the grant application will be submitted.

Action brought forward: Jane to undertake further research into the Community Right to Build process, as well as to contact the LCC regarding the referendum process.

Action brought forward: Jane to ask John Hamlett to send an email in Tiny Letter to notify the community when the PC has received the pre-feasibility grant funding and the date of the next public meeting/consultation (refer to Point 9 below).

4. Meetings with external bodies

The meeting held with the Bishop of Lancaster and the Archdeacon on 30th November 2016.



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The Archdeacon summarised the process of the ecclesiastical exemption route and a Consistory Court hearing. The Consistory Court would require that all reports (heritage assessment, building surveyor report etc...), evidence of public consultation exercises with all comments from everyone (+ve and -ve) and how these have been addressed, the support (statement) from the Bishop of Lancaster and the statement of need etc.... would be presented to the Chancellor.

Action: Michael to investigate the potential cost of the Consistory Court/ecclesiastical exemption route.

The Archdeacon advised that we should contact the Church Buildings Council (CBC) to comment on buildings and express an opinion regarding our proposals. It was agreed that we would request an opinion from the CBC once the architect has completed the reports.

Action: Jane to build a route map to clarify the permissions we would need to acquire (Referendum – community right to build for external changes to the church and the Listed Building Consent – either through the ecclesiastical exemption or LCC planning route).

Action: Jane to send the route map to the architect to check that the order of the process is correct and which consents would be required.

It was discussed that examples of similar church projects that have or haven't been successful are explored. These included Yealand, Pilling, Bilsborrow and the churches in Herefordshire. It was agreed to investigate some of these examples.

5. Forthcoming Meetings

None planned

6. JWK Update

See point 3 above.

7. Grant Application

See point 3 above.

8. Historical Research Updated

Moyra received response from Hornby Castle, which concluded that the land on which the OSR is sited was 'Manorial Waste Land' (hedges, verges or land that could not be put to good use) or 'Wasteland'.

Moyra has found that the OSR was built during the period in which the Tatham vs. Wright court case was running. It was also the time when Hornby and Capernwray were contesting the manorial rights of Gressingham.



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The tythe map shows that the OSR was built on a triangle of land surrounded by three roads/rights of way, which is assumed was unusable 'manorial waste land'/'wasteland'.

9. Project Decision Process

A further discussion was held over Jane's Timeline for the Project.

Action: Jane to fill in a spreadsheet for the timeline (brought forward).

Possible dates for the next public consultation meeting were suggested:

Action: Jane to issue a press release for Wagtail and John Hamlett's Tiny Letter which confirms that we are waiting on the outcome of a successful grant application which will enable the PTWG to undertake our further researches and look to do an exhibition in early April.

10. Date of the Next Meeting

Wednesday 8th February at 7:30 OSR

Next meeting after that is proposed for Wednesday 1st March at 7:30 pm OSR.