

## Ginger Group meeting 2016-04-16

Apologies: RR, JY, JY, AW

Present: RP, FW, DW, PW, AW, RD, CMcD, PoB, SF, MF, JB, PB, ND, MD

- Costings & Valuations
- Stewards of the Gospel
- AOB:
  - Parish council AGM change of date, proposed 23rd of June, feedback to PoB

ND, PoB: Met Fr. about a month ago

already done an exercise on Bardfield, priests' flat

- schedule isn't ready yet, but a kitchen has been made available

- ND: **Request for a site key**

ramp at garage end, to left of altar may not be feasible do to a chimney breast

needs to be 1:12 or 1:15 but initial measurements only allow of a 1:10 ramp which wouldn't be compliant

Could still do with some clarity around priorities - fire regs vs. access vs. living

Estimation in the order of £10-15k for door work and ramp, to add VAT. **Timescale**

Some discussion of priorities & requirements in terms of fire vs. accessibility

Question about cost comparison with accessibility lift - more expensive but also requires annual maintenance contract & servicing

example: hertford - beautiful extended portico

discussion of mobility scooters - weight, ramp requirements

decision: mobility scooters to remain below and use of the temporarily wheelchair to be encouraged where necessary.

point raised: we haven't had fire drills yet at either Bardfield or Thated

Near unanimous support for the ramp at altar-end of the building at costs of £10-15K

RD: Our Lady's house to be cleared after garage sale. Office kit would need to be moved out of the priests' house.

ND, CMcD - to produce co-agreed one-page documents for a) ramp and b) priests' house tidy up

DW: What is the threshold of possible futures (including radical change) which would necessitate the construction of the ramp?

RD: Where else would the money go?

PoB: Possible useful way to look at it, estimate three years, £5k/year represents approximately one eighth of the parish income.

ND: Even moving to a new site, obtaining planning permission etc. is likely to take more than five years.

Ginger Group existential discussion - need to engage with the Diocese over Stewards' drive.