Ginger Group meeting 2016-05-14

Present: RR, RP, AW, LW, ND, MD, PW, CMcD, PoB, RD

Apologies: Various

ND: Review of scope of works for Gt. Bardfield Priest's house and next door.

Note: Cost of works assumes some input from parishioners

A few areas needing external expertise

Highlighted value, ~£6,000 including VAT, input from parishioners of ~£2,500

~£35,000 for Our Lady's house with parishioners' input of ~£10,000

Proposal for a couple of working dates to tidy up both garden and targeted room, BBQ.

PoB - Question about ramp. If we build a ramp in Bardfield we will have disabled access, however might need two for emergency access. Question about whether having two sites is acceptable, where disabled access is available at Thaxted. Mick Hughes has contacted Diocese. Meeting here at 10:30 AM Mon 23rd May, after Mass, with Chris James from Diocesan survey w/ Mick/Father. To answer the question about one vs. two ramps.

CMcD - review of ramp blueprints. Part M building control for ramps - [meeting with David Jarvis]. Latest regs are 1:40 - totally unfeasible.

Discussion of doors & hinges, layout of ramp, dual ramp and stairs.

Discussion required with neighbours at some point after engaging with building control. Likely need to involve Bardfield parish council.

Ramp would complement not replace the revised sacristy access in the middle of the building.

Will building a ramp be sufficient, in terms of -

- Do we satisfy the diocesan board of trustees who are accountable for our safety.
- Do we satisfy building control

Next steps:

Saturdays.

Building control meeting Diocesan survey meeting

Repairs to the Priest's house passed at Parish Council. Decision to pursue repairs for either parish or letting - to the higher standard. Neil to organise work dates - at least two

Discussion of kitchen works upstairs. Suitable kitchen units may be available.

Need to set specification of any replacement windows. Differences between upstairs and downstairs domestic vs. church. Discussion of window sponsorship.

First Stewards meeting on the 22nd. Need to allocate a representative.

Action: Drop Damian a line to find out what's going on with the Stewards meeting. - date/time/who could attend