

Church Project Meeting Minutes 03/03/2025

Attendees: Nick Blamire Brown, Jeff Robinson, Nick Miles, Simon Pearson, Sue Foster (minutes)

This is our progress since the last meeting on 8th January 2025.

PCC

On 13th January, Nick Miles presented our proposals to the PCC. They were approved by the PCC and it was agreed that the next steps included sharing the plans with the wider congregation and then the community of Hartshill village and surrounding area when the time is right.

Congregation

On 16th February, at Cafe Church, Nick Miles used the opportunity to point out to those present that the orientation and size of the space we were using was similar to the layout in church following the proposed changes, using a 'theatre curtain' to sub divide the church etc. Nick made it clear that these are still high level plans and are subject to obtaining the necessary permissions from the relevant authorities.

A full presentation to the congregation still needs to be planned.

Solar

On 13th January, Jeff, Nick M. and Nick BB had a meeting with Geo Green Power to discuss the Solar PV proposals. This is a separate project from the Church Project.

DAC

Tim Latham, DAC secretary, requested a Statement of Significance and Statement of Need before deciding whether he needs to meet with us. Nick BB and Jeff have produced these and I have filed these on the website at

<http://www.little-blue-boat.co.uk/churchproject/team%20members%20input.html>

Church Architects

Nick and Jeff Robinson met with our Church architect Steven Matthews (Brown Matthews Architects Ltd) on 20th February. They went through the proposed works to the Church building. Nick BB updated the Statement of Need following that meeting, see pages 9 and 10 of the Statement of Need.

National Lottery Heritage Fund

Nick BB has submitted a Project Enquiry to the National Lottery Heritage Fund. They should provide feedback within 10 days. If the feedback indicates we should apply, we will need to get quotes before putting in a full application. On submitting a full application, we should hear back within a month.

Windows

We have had no formal report on the condition of the leaded windows. It is desirable that funding from the National Lottery covers a professional survey of the windows.

Partners

Parish Council

Michelle and Glynis have requested a presentation to the Parish Council. Simon has been actioned to do this. Katie Hopley and Margaret Bell, Hartshill ward councillors on North Warwickshire council, will be invited to that presentation. It is hoped that the Parish Council will want

involvement in the Heritage Group and the Community Garden.

Schools

Nick M and Nick BB visited the 3 Hartshill schools about 5 years ago and so they need to be brought up to date on our plans and re-engaged.

Letters of Support

We will need letters of support from partners for any grant applications.

Community

It was suggested that we engage with the community initially by holding an Open Day to present our ideas. We should also set up a website and a facebook page or group. Jeff pointed out that we would benefit from assistance from more social media savvy people. (Krisztina Buci has a background in media and so may be able to help.)

Old Action Points

These were not progressed at the meeting.

New Action Points

AP1_Mar .	Simon to present to Parish Council and ward councillors (First Wednesday in April?)
AP2_Mar.	Simon to talk to Head of Nathaniel Newton school
AP3_Mar	Simon to talk to Head of Michael Drayton school
AP4_Mar	Nick M and Nick B to talk to appropriate person (business manager?) at Hartshill Academy

Date of next meeting.

To be decided, dependent on the availability of Jeff. (First Monday after Jeff's return from holiday.)