

# SPECIAL CHURCH MEETING Sunday 15 October 2023

Present: Quorum of church members; names of those present shown on attached sheet.  
The meeting was held to consider and vote on the proposal:

- *That this church agrees to instruct JBKS architects to take our revised building plan project forward to RIBA stages 2 and 3 planning and pre planning as presented to the Church on 1 October 2023*
- *A sum of up to £70 000 for this phase of the building project*

Sallyann opened the meeting and explained that only members would be able to vote on whether to accept the proposal, but that at the end of the discussion an opportunity would also be given for a show of hands of all present in order to get an indication of general feeling regarding the proposal. She then introduced Angela to give a summary of the situation.

Angela showed PowerPoint slides which had previously been shown on 1<sup>st</sup> October (attached)

She explained the original plans would have cost over £3m. As a church we had decided this was too much for us, and requested Jeremy of JBKS Architects to produce a more modest plan which would still provide sufficient space for our needs on a reduced budget

In the revised plan he produced, the old chapel would be retained. Angela noted that money is in the proposed costs to refurbish the chapel.

There would be a link building from the chapel to the new building, which would be a large rectangular hall. The bungalow and buildings other than the chapel would be pulled down and the new building erected in their place. The new building would have kitchen and toilet facilities. The car park would remain as at present. This could be updated at a later date if agreed in due course.

Jeremy has assured us that the building will be 'beautiful'. But it will be simple – and this feels as if it suits us.

Comments and questions were then invited.

Val said she was very happy, and she thinks more money will come in.

Fiona asked when, if we go ahead, would building be started? Angela replied that planning permission may take 6 months, and we will need to show the necessary funds are available before building is started.

Christine L asked if the £70,000 which had been mentioned as being needed for this stage was on top of what has already been given. Angela replied that with approximately £35,000 having been given about another £35,000 will be need by Easter 2024.

Nathan commented that the nearest neighbours around the church site have been asked for their views on this revised design, and they are very keen on it.

Sallyann then read the Proposal:

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Firstly, all present were asked to raise their hand if they were For the resolution. There was an overwhelming show of support for the resolution. All were then asked to raise their hand if they were Against the resolution. No hands were raised for being Against it.

Secondly, all church Members were asked to vote in a similar manner.

The vote of church Members was:

22 For the resolution

0 Against the resolution

The resolution was therefore carried in line with the requirements of the constitution.

Angela then looked at the next steps, which are:

- JBKS to be instructed to proceed
- On 26<sup>th</sup> November there will be another Gift Day for the building fund (it was pointed out that the church do not need to wait for the Gift Day to make their gifts)
- Pledges made previously to be made into gifts now please
- Continue to fast and pray

Angela was thanked by Sallyann, who closed the meeting in prayer.

E mail Apologies received from Derek and Marilyn Legg