ST OSWALD'S CHURCH LOWER PEOVER

PROPOSED TOILET INSTALLATION

Over the last fifteen years, members of the Parish and congregation have raised and expended approximately £250,000 in the restoration of the roof, tower, walls and windows of the Church.

This investment has arrested the deterioration of the Church structure, which is now in sound condition and not expected to require significant maintenance investment beyond routine cyclical maintenance – principally re-decoration, for many years to come.

The sound condition of the church structure means that resources may now be directed towards making the Church more attractive to encourage new members of the church and to increase the comfort of existing congregations.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC), in common with all other PCC's in the Diocese, has prepared a Growth Action Plan (GAP) which sets out proposed actions to try to reverse the general decline in attendance and support of the church. GAP includes spiritual and physical needs.

The PCC has identified provision of a toilet as the highest priority physical need for the benefit of those attending or visiting the church.

A document detailing the proposed provision of a toilet was considered by the PCC at the meeting held on 19th September 2012. In a unanimous vote the PCC resolved that: -

The PCC adopts the proposal for a conventional unisex fully accessible toilet, located in a new small building outside of the North-easterly corner of Church and that John Carter to be appointed to develop the proposal to a stage where an application for a Faculty can be made.

(John is an Architect member of the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC). The DAC has responsibility for progressing Faculty applications and providing policy advice on church building matters.)

The works by John Carter to include;

- a) Sketch proposals for a building to match the existing black and white church.
- b) Sketch proposals for buildings (up to 3) to contrast with and complement the existing black and white church.
- c) Confirm the type of sewage disposal system.
- d) Cost estimates.
- e) Report and recommendations to assist the PCC to reach a decision on the specific details of the project to be submitted for approval"

The full proposal document is on display in the church. Please take time to view the display. Do not hesitate to contact one of the following if you have any comments to make or questions to ask.

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