

The Years progress with the Building Project since the APCM April 2009

April 2009 Presentation by Architect of feasibility plans for extending and modernising our Church buildings

June 2009 PCC meeting discussed the plans and decided that the ideas were good and as it was important to get a leadership decision about whether we should recommend going ahead we would pray about our thoughts and return at the next PCC meeting to discuss our views. Inaugural meeting of Prayer Group specifically set up by Alison Nicholson to pray about issues and direction for the project.

July 2009 Agreement at PCC that we would recommend proceeding with phases 1 and 2 of the project only (i.e. not to include a link to the Halls and reconstruction of the Halls interior. A recommendation was made to publicize the project and its ramifications as widely as possible and inform the congregation as much as possible.

August 2009 Production of Newsletter, plans put on hard board & 300 leaflets printed to be distributed at Starbeck Gala

September 2009 Whole Church meeting with open discussion and feedback on plans. Leaders worked with Sunday Club to discuss plans for the building. A “signer” was present to communicate with people with hearing difficulty. Feedback to PCC who agreed to sounding out volunteers for a new working group.

October 2009 Production of 2nd newsletter to congregation with updates following the meeting in September

November 2009 Whole Church meeting between Sunday Services to allow discussion with elderly, families and disabled who might have had difficulty in attending an evening meeting. PCC meeting where it was decided to ask for PCC leadership on the project. The 1st stage (Planning permission drawings) of 12K would be authorised if members of the PCC were to pledge at least that amount of money. In the end PCC members have pledged £18K. Permission given to proceed with expenditure on topographical survey

January 2010 Following pledging of £ 18K by the PCC members Contracts signed with Architect allowing them to proceed with drawing up plans to planning permission level. Production of insert to Starbeckoning showing decisions of the PCC and formation of Buildings Working Group of Mike Langford, Nick Wheeler, Adam Hawkes, Malcolm Price, Alex Mellor and Peter Miles (Mark Cudworth added later.) This group now meets every month and discusses progress, new initiatives and reviews timelines for the project.

March 2010 Presentations at Sunday Services by Peter Miles in preparation for a gift day. On Sunday 21st March (plus some later gifts) we received pledges, gifts and promises of regular giving amounting to £ 66K (including the tax that can be reclaimed by Gift-Aid). This on top of the PCC pledges and monies from other gifts and church activities (like the book sale) means we are at about £ 94K. Newsletter produced.

Future time lines for the StArbeck Welcome project are:

Planning drawings & faculty approval	January 2010 – June 2010
Obtain building regulations approval	June 2010 – September 2010
Finalise the detailed drawings and create a builders’ specification	September 2010 – January 2011
Quantity surveying (to get full detailed costing for the building activity)	December 2011 – March 2011
Tender (out to building contractors for pricing)	March 2011 – April 2011
Analyse tenders from builders	May 2011
PCC decision to appoint a builder	May 2011
Construction	June 2011 – February 2012

And finally; keep praying for the project and its leaders, our community that we serve and God’s never ending abundance of riches, unmerited surprises and unexpected outcomes.