



# St Andrews Starbeck

*"building for the future"*

20 July 2010

Welcome to the bi monthly newsletter by which we do hope to keep the whole church informed as to the progress that is being made and invite discussion and ideas.

The original plan was to submit the drawings to obtain planning permission from the Diocesan Advisory Council (DAC) and Harrogate Borough Council after the approval by the PCC meeting on 20 May. However that was not done as we wanted to re examine the issues raised by the DAC letter in November 2009 and it was important to bring them to the attention of a full PCC meeting, have discussion and questions, and decide on a course of action. The points of concern to DAC were:

- Too many toilets
- Constricted traffic flows from entrance into worship area
- Entrance below West Window
- Review entrance to new extension to make it less of a gathering area for undesirables

These points have now been addressed:

- The new plans have 1 disabled toilet and 1 ordinary toilet in church, same again in new welcome area
- Re-siting of kitchen to make better traffic flows and less constriction
- DAC Architect may accept window below West window – costed into project
- New entrance brought nearer to pavement. Roof of new welcome area redesigned to be more appealing and visible, create a feeling of more space and provide dramatic view of church roof. Re look at disability access.

The new project cost is £ 625000 (this includes the window below the West Window and a disability access lift) and the new plans can be seen at the back of church and at <http://www.peter.andysonline.org/buildingproject/> or by following the links to the building project at the church website [www.andysonline.org](http://www.andysonline.org). Obviously we are disappointed that the cost is going up but it is now allowing us to start the planning permission process and engage in dialogue with the DAC and Harrogate Borough Planning department. Remember they may alter it!!

We are organising the following

- Asbestos survey
- Drainage survey
- CDM appointment (looks at health and safety issues)
- Continue enquiries with Diocesan Land registrar re the land and 3<sup>rd</sup> party wall survey for the wall with McColls. This is shown on deeds as our land but we are double checking !

## Points to bear in mind

- The project is now going to planning – these may not be final plans, how they are phased or the final cost. There is still work to be done on disability access to new front entrance. Once approved, the scheme will be re-costed.
- DAC and HBC planning will be making changes – not allowing some things and suggesting changes
- We do not have to do the whole project at the same time – it can be phased.

The following resolutions were passed by PCC on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July

- 1. The PCC propose that the church go ahead with obtaining a faculty and applying for planning permission for the total building works as proposed by the architect. The faculty to be written by 06 Aug and accompanied by all the various statements of need and statement of significance.**
- 2. The PCC authorises the Building works committee to engage surveys for Asbestos and drainage and to appoint a CDM and, when appropriate a 3<sup>rd</sup> party wall surveyor.**

The next fundraising project planned for our Church Family and our guests is the Jazz Evening on 13 November. Remember to keep this date free for a really original fun packed evening of Jazz, eats, socialising and togetherness.

Remember all comments are welcome and valued. If you have any concerns or you want to chat over something or opinions that you would like us to take notice of the members of the Building Committee are Adam Hawkes Mike Langford, Peter Miles, Maurice Pinder, Nick Wheeler. Malcolm Price, Alex Mellor, Mark Cudworth & Richard Darley. We meet once every month in order to review and plan ahead.

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