



# Community Garden Project

St Agnes Longsight

Notes from a meeting held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2009

## **Present**

Christian, Oswald, Margaret, Stephen

## **Groundworks Grant Application**

Groundworks were to charge about £3000 for the preparatory work and so Christian had arranged to meet other, private, landscape architects on site to provide outline costs and plans for our project. Of the three organisations, only two turned up, and only one of those has provided an estimate. As part of the planning an online OS map of the church precincts has been purchased under license.

The quote and design were shared with the meeting. Although the estimate is for £23,920 this did not show the fees which would be about 7% extra.

We felt that item 6a (General Landscaping) could be increased to include general tidying up of the rest of the garden and also an extra quote is needed to carry out some work on the perimeter fencing and walls to secure the garden. Christian will find quotes for this extra work. The tree on the north side of the church boundary with St Agnes Road is causing substantial bulging to the wall and we are keen to repair this as part of our project.

## **Community Open Day/Consultation**

Although it is good to share these initial plans with the congregation, PCC, parish magazine etc, it is not appropriate at the moment to share with the wider community. When (if) the grant is given then we will have plenty of opportunity to celebrate/present and consult with the local community as an integral part of the process.

## **Feasibility Study**

The meeting also heard of grant funding application for Christian to undertake a feasibility study for the development of the Community Hall – the third part of our parish vision.

## **Gardening Days**

The dates for 2009 are Saturdays 11<sup>th</sup> April, 13<sup>th</sup> June, 8<sup>th</sup> August, 10<sup>th</sup> October from 10am – 3pm. Drop in any time, Refreshments provided.

Next Community Garden Project meeting: *no date set*