

Church Hall Developments – Proposal by McCarthy and Stone.

As many of you will now know, McCarthy and Stone put out a letter some time ago to local residents and occupiers of buildings close to the Church Hall site offering to meet with them on Thursday 20th July at the Leisure Centre to share their initial proposals to develop or Church Hall land site into “high quality retirement living accommodation”. This letter was reproduced and given as a handout to all who attended church on Sunday 16th July and Sunday 23rd July.

The Vicar and Churchwardens met with representatives of McCarthy and Stone on the 20th July and saw the plans and artist impression of the front elevation and it was agreed that they would send us these plans which we received on Monday 24th July. Later the same day we received from McCarthy and Stone a full press release.

The Vicar and Churchwardens felt that all PCC members should have a copy of these proposed plans and the press release at the earliest opportunity particularly as the PCC does not meet until Wednesday 13th September. These were circulated to all on Tuesday 25th July.

A copy of all the plan and the press release are now displayed in church so that all parishioners are able to see what is proposed. We stress that these are proposals and in McCarthy and Stone’s press release, they say:

“We are keen to engage with the local community and will be offering people to meet with the project team to discuss the initial project and where possible will incorporate their views into the plans.”

McCarthy and Stone will display the updated plans at a Public Exhibition .

The exhibition will take place at St Mary’s Church Hall on Tuesday 12th September between 1pm and 8pm.

The Vicar and Churchwardens are continuing to work closely with the Diocese and McCarthy and Stone and will keep all parishioners updated with developments.