

### **Parish Council Meeting – 13/11/17**

- The kitchen upgrade to the 1978 hall is proceeding in the summer recess between 8<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> of January 2018.
- The Parish Council has endorsed the provisional budget to be used for operational purposes from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2018. This budget will be placed before the Annual General Meeting for formal adoption.

### **Clarification on the Grassed Slopes**

During the recent information meetings about the proposed St John's Church land sale, there was some discussion about how the grass slopes came to be transferred from the Macarthur family to St John's Church.

Church records indicated that the property was transferred from the Camden Park estate in 1911 for an amount of £500, which would suggest that the church purchased the property at a commercial price.

Church records includes

- a) Statement in the brief history prepared for the 135<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the setting of the foundation stone of St. John's Church.
- b) Statement in the Conservation Management Plan prepared by Clive Lucas Stapleton section 3.5.4 item (4)

The Declaration of Trust notes state that the land was transferred to be appropriated as a 'Glebe' annexed to the church. The Glebe is a portion of land belonging to the parsonage or vicarage that is intended to be cultivated to provide for the incumbent and his successors.

The result of the investigation undertaken by the Parish Council is that official records kept by Government sources point to the land being transferred to the congregation for a nominal amount.

The Parish Council is making this clarification to ensure that people who wish to discuss the land sale have the most accurate information that can be provided.

Church records will be amended to reflect the recent information.