

Polish Church Meeting and Visit; 7th August 2019

Attendees

Alexa, Keith, John, Sally, Gill, Anna. Eileen for part of the time. Debby for part of the time.

Agreements

- That the purpose of the area should be a quiet place for relaxation and remembrance for the church and those who worshipped there. It should also be a place for wildlife. This came from the Village Survey and Plan (details of the surgery results were circulated before the meeting and given out)
 - That the draft budget we have for works is £750
 - The area should be kept as grass, and allowed to grow and flower with paths mown short (similar to the approach for the maze)
 - A base/outline for the church should be created in a low maintenance and hard to vandalise way. The base needs to be flat and level and weed proof.
 - We measured this base at 4.5 metres wide and 7 metres long (an area of about 30 sq metres). It's centre line was aligned with the paved path and the nearest side (which would be at the door) was 7m from the last paving slab. This is smaller than the original church size.
 - The location and approximate size of the base was marked up with piles of stones at each corner
 - An information board, seating and a cross will be put up in the area of the base
 - Planters with low maintenance plants and low watering requirements
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Other Ideas

- A memorial Bench for Less and Eddie
 - Bat and bird boxes
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Work to be done

Late Summer

Jonny to mow/trim the area following these guidelines "With regard to the tidying up of the 'grass' areas, my advice would be to trim all the open areas of grass but taking care to avoid all the trees, shrubs and (partly hidden) remaining metal rubbish. There are quite a few small trees (some now dead) which were planted 2 years ago but these are all marked with tree guards. No strimming is necessary under and between the trees in the copse. Any unusual wild flowers in the grass will have flowered and already seeded so it will not hurt for them to be cut. The pink snapdragon should be avoided if possible (near where the church building stood), just for sentimental reasons!"

Winter

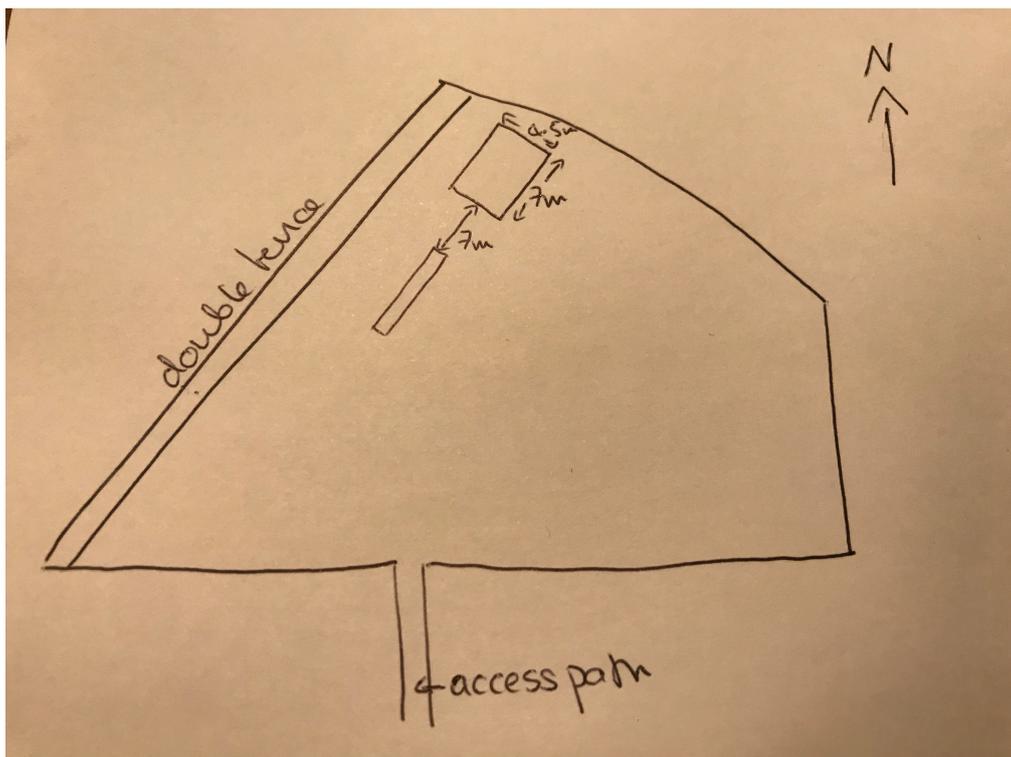
- rake up all the 'arising' after the strimming and decide on a suitable site for composting
- fell the tall conifer on the corner by Eileen's house
- remove those small trees that were planted but have since died and recover the guards
- plant the small native trees that Sally has in her 'nursery' (mostly hazel) to extend the copse and/or along the eastern fence line
- clear up remaining metal debris (rusty pipe and wire) and remove from the site

Actions

- Alexa to draw up a plan of the location for the base/outline
- John and Alexa to incorporate these notes and other info (survey results, Sally's plan) into a proposal for the site and a maintenance plan in the standard format
- Jonny to provide a quote and suggested materials / approach to build the base
- Keith to instruct Jonny to mow / trim the area as detailed in "work to be done" and remove the grass clippings
- Keith to check with Parish Council/ Clerk as to the boundaries of the trees and double fence on the North-Western line of spruce
- Alexa to organise a working group for the tasks in "work to be done"
- Alexa to contact John Steward as he's previously been involved in work in the area to see if he still wants to be involved
- TBC to design a plaque commemorating the church, write words and choose a photo. After the meeting Anna kindly showed some of her photos (one is shown on the next page)

Church Base/Footprint Diagram

By Alexa



Site Drawing from 2016

By Sally

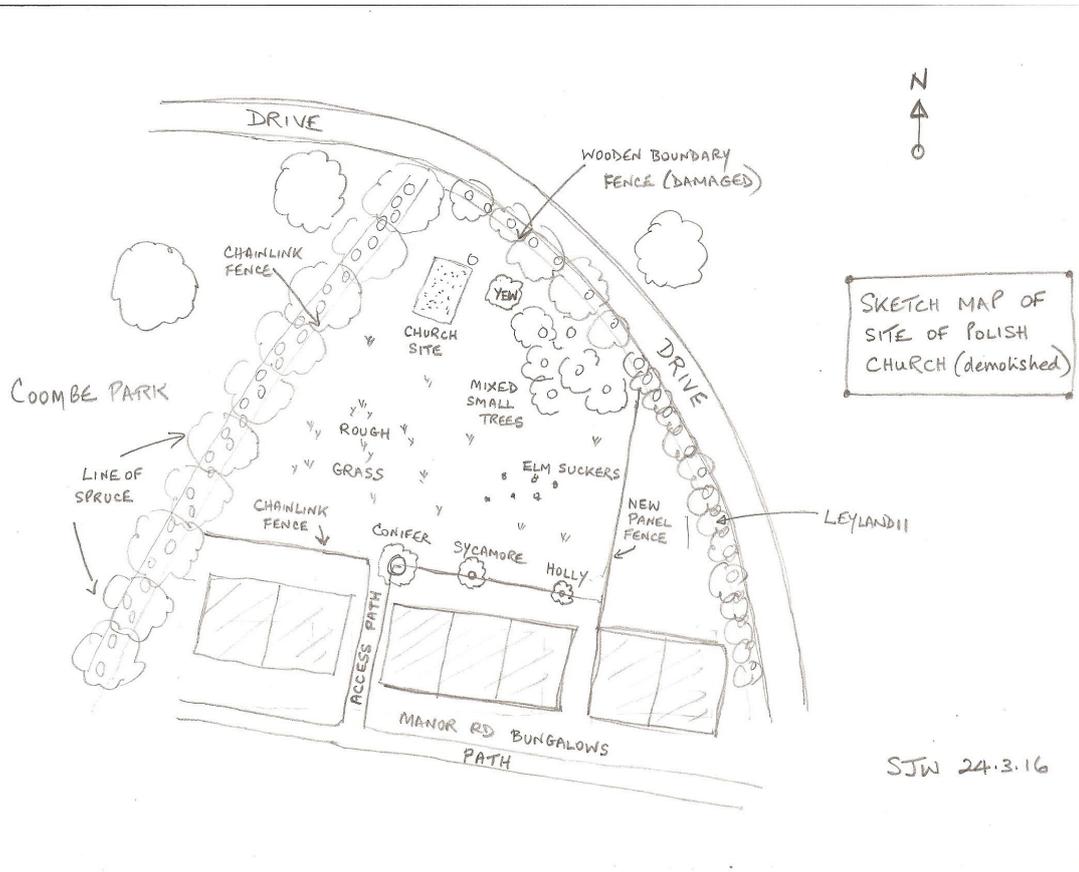


Photo of the church

From Anna

