

Statement made by Nick Lang, on 29th January 2012 regarding Cornerstone.

There will be a written report for everyone to take away next week but for now the Church Council wish me to tell you the headlines.

The Church Council, that's the PCC as we call it – has decided to press on with all necessary plans and preparations aiming to start construction of Phase 1 – that's the new halls, pre-school and kitchen facilities replacing our wooden halls – at the earliest possible date. That date is July 2013. July 2013.

There have been two very important meetings of the Church Council this month and I know that there has been a lot of praying going on around these meetings. Personally I have felt the support of all that prayer. They were long and thorough meetings covering various options: finance and fundraising, timing and the important aspects of balancing our responsibilities as Church Council members (and Trustees) with our life of faith. Personally I cannot ever remember any PCC discussions that have been as rigorous and thorough and the overwhelming view of the Church Council and its officers was to proceed. There will be one further opportunity for a major review next January before a construction contract is let but the direction has been set, in faith, to start construction in July 2013.

We do not have all the money we need yet but that's ok for now. There is a long time to go before we will be paying the final bills in 2014 but the note next week will explain, amongst other things, the Church Council's thinking on money.

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