

Church Organ Restoration Sub-Committee
Extra-ordinary Meeting – 1st December 2013

Members: Martin Jackson, Alan Leach, Nigel Howard (Chairman)

Unfortunately, the decision made by the PCC earlier this year to install sound equipment into the organ loft on 18th November 2013 was taken without prior consultation with the organ sub-committee - David first mentioned it to Nigel on the Sunday morning, the day before the installation.

As this sound equipment installation contravenes the existing contract made between the PCC and the Heritage Lottery Fund (which runs for 10 years from the date 18th June 2007) for the organ restoration project, by currently taking over nearly 40% of the total loft space, the sub-committee is still under obligation to notify the HLF of any matter that affects the property under this contract. As the organ restoration project cannot be finally concluded at the moment because of this latest *development*, the HLF have had to be notified accordingly. They have replied by return by clearly stating their position and offering guidance on how to resolve this matter.

This extraordinary meeting was therefore convened to review all the evidence gathered, after first raising all these concerns with David and the churchwardens.

Having reviewed the whole situation carefully the sub-committee voted unanimously that our response must be to make each individual member of the PCC fully aware of all the facts of the matter and ask the PCC, as a whole, to reconsider their earlier decision and open up consultations, or else accept responsibility for the financial consequences.

An email was sent to all the members of PCC on Monday 2nd December 2013 along with a copy of the Faculty and the HLF contract and advice. The committee remains hopeful that it will receive a timely positive response from the PCC.

The date of the next meeting has yet to be arranged.

Nigel Howard
Chairman

6th December 2013