

Maintenance – Significant Issues

1. Push-bar on emergency exit from Classroom vestibule needs replacing as it has become unreliable. It will be replaced with the addition of an external access latch via Connex. Date is to be arranged. Addition of an external access latch to the Nano Nagle Rooms fire-door will be considered at the same time.
2. The water heater above the sink in the kitchen has been tripping out frequently, requiring manual re-setting. Its inspection, service and installation history would be useful if there are any Parish Office records. Replacement would be around £700+Labour. A service engineer will be sourced first to see if the cause of tripping out can be established and a repair done.
3. Regarding the Main Hall floor lifting through humidity, a new programmable dehumidifier obtained through grant-funding was found faulty and its replacement arrived on 21 January. It has only had 2 nights of running during the cheap electric tariff period (midnight-6 am) and we need to see if that will be sufficient to prevent the floor rising.
4. Difficult sometimes to separate maintenance and H&S issues. For example the November H&S Inspection said the external fire escape staircase needed to be periodically inspected and maintained. It was last painted in September 2021 with grant-funding; that maintenance should last several years. However, it needs to be inspected by a competent structural engineer every 5 years. Unless one is known to the Parish Office an engineer will have to be identified and contracted to do this.
5. There are other issues around Diocese or legally required inspections and any subsequent maintenance required that would be better dealt with by a separate meeting with the Parish Administrator.
6. Finally, not strictly maintenance, but I need the PPC's agreement to proceed with a grant application for “energy-saving measures”. I have the support of 3 High Peak Borough Councillors to apply for a £1,050 award to cover replacing the remaining old fluorescent lighting in the Centre with low-energy equivalents by the Parish Electrician, purchasing several self-closing door mechanisms for DIY fitting and blanking off the void space in the corridor roof window by a bespoke rigid plastic sheet (again DIY fixing) to reduce electricity use and heating costs. Application must be in by 17 Feb but it must also be agreed by the Diocese Property Office. As in the 2 previous successful HPBC grants, application would be on behalf of the PPC.