

Updated Statement for Parish Website.

9th October 2011

Charvil Parish Council note today's press release from Sonning Ecclesiastical Parish which announced a new proposal regarding the future of St Patrick's Church/Hall.

See: <http://www.sonningparish.org.uk/docs/press%20statement.pdf>

This new alternative proposal, if approved by the Parochial Church Committee, addresses a number of the Council's concerns in relation to the provision of educational and community facilities in Charvil.

On review of the online petition to campaign against the initially proposed closure, it appears that the bulk of the issues raised by residents regard the use of the building as a Hall and community facility, particularly by local community groups such as Charvil Pre-school, the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides, the Flower Club, pensioners group etc.

Worship facilities are undoubtedly the primary concern of the Church. However we note that a number of our residents prefer to worship at St Patrick's because they feel it offers a different style of worship, or because they are simply unable to travel to St Andrews but this is a matter for the Church to address, especially with their new appointment.

We would like to continue to work with the Church to ensure that all of the stakeholders in St Patrick's Church Hall can achieve their respective objectives.

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