

Bellacre Report – March 2020

Regarding the land known as the Bellacre – part of which is in the possession of St Mary's Church (other parts owned by Storrington Parish Council and Horsham District Council):

In 2019, following advice from our land agent Marcel Hoad (Fowlers Estate Agents) and with the agreement of our solicitors, the PCC entered into an Option to Sell agreement of the St Mary's portion of this land to Olaf Christiansen (Sussex Design & Development) subject to his obtaining planning permission to erect a minimum of four dwellings and also including an overage of £100,000 placed on each, if more than four units were achieved.

Later in the year and following discussions between Marcel Hoad and the PCC it was agreed that Marcel move forward in discussions with Horsham District Council towards a comprehensive development of the entire site which would mean an increase in sale price to the PCC of a further £100,000 bringing the price to £800,000. In this case the PCC agreed that if this were the case it would agree to drop the overage originally placed if more than four units were achieved by Olaf Christiansen (Sussex Design & Development).

The PCC are grateful to Marcel Hoad for having the site maintained in a tidy and acceptable condition.

Gwen Fisher