

92 Beakes Road  
Smethwick  
Warley  
B67 5RU

2<sup>nd</sup> February 2010

**REF: ST HILDA'S SCOUTS LEASE ON HUT**

Dear Rev Hinton

I write following our conversation at St Hilda's Church scout executive committee meeting on Weds 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010.

As discussed the group was unaware that we would be paying for the legal fees regarding the lease. I gather that this fact was recorded during a PCC meeting in July (?) 2008. No one from the scout group has any knowledge of this or indeed received a letter either from the PCC or solicitors drawing this to our attention.

Had we been made aware of this, the group would have certainly looked at other alternative solutions to this matter – ie looking for other premises, different lease arrangement, a better price etc.

The sum in question is a large amount which we would certainly have had to raise funds for. We appreciate that the Church's finances are limited too, but to suddenly be presented with this fact is one that we are in no position to pay.

We have co-operated fully in paying the back dated rent even though the lease does not become enforceable until this bill is paid.

One solution could be that the sum we have already paid towards the rent for this year be used.

The group feels that this situation is not of our making, and should therefore not be penalised in any way

Yours sincerely

Guy de Szathmary  
St Hilda's secretary  
(on behalf of St Hilda's Scouts)