

Minutes of the PCC Meeting, Monday 2nd. Dec. 2013 at 8 p.m.

Present K.Bell, S Danby, N. Dye, P. Fray, T. Garstone, A. Grace, R. Hyde-Bales, M. Smith, J. Valpy and G. Light (Item 3)

Apologies C. Bowen, P. Cowler, T. Pulleyn, R. Saunders and subsequently R.Crow

The Vice-Chairman welcomed Tanya Garstone to the meeting as PCC Secretary.

The meeting commenced with prayers and a Bible reading by K. Bell.

The minutes of the October PCC meeting were approved.

1. Matters arising

The notice board in the crèche is now up and in use.

There will be more information about the Church Directory in January. **Action: J. Valpy**

Repair to the tombs in the churchyard. All the paperwork is complete. The Town Council will do the work in the Spring.

Screen /projector faculty. Adina has sent the paperwork to the DAC. **Action: A. Grace**

The Quiz night was a great success. Thanks were given to the team for all their hard work

The Harvest Festival luncheon was very enjoyable. K. Bell is waiting to hear how much food was collected for the Food Bank. Thanks were given to the organisers.

2. Teams S. Danby.

After a group discussion Shirley listed the positive and negative reasons for team work. The positives heavily outnumbered the negatives. It was agreed that we would go ahead with the concept and at the next meeting we would decide what teams we would like to set up to augment the teams already in place. The following are considered potentially suitable areas for future teams: Spiritual, Worship, Admin/Finance, Fabric, Children, Pastoral Care (See Item 3), the Elderly, Outreach and Mission and Hospitality/Social. Please send your thoughts on this to Shirley prior to the next meeting. **Action: All**

3. Pastoral Network Scheme. G. Light.

The leadership team have produced a leaflet to be distributed in the town and surrounding areas. They have a list of more than 100 names divided into 7 groups. The leaflet asks people for their contact details and what preferences they have with regard to Church activities. It was a unanimous decision to go ahead with this scheme, subject to any legal requirements.

Action: G. Light

4. Parish office. P. Fray.

There is a room in the Jenner hall available to rent for £70 a month, plus utility bills. It is big enough for an office, but is not big enough for PCC meetings and there is no disabled access. There is a shortage of suitable property to rent in Cricklade and it was unanimously decided to go ahead with this. The terms will initially be an occupational licence for one year. The other churches in the Group also support the idea of the office in the Jenner Hall. Additional power sockets and lighting will be installed by the Jenner Hall. A quote to have the room

professionally decorated is to be obtained as it is a listed building. The cost of rental is to be shared between Cricklade 58%, Ashton Keynes 38% and Latton 4%. **Action: P. Fray**

5. Vacancy Process. A. Grace.

A prospective candidate had been interviewed in October, but unfortunately was not deemed appropriate for the appointment. The vacancy will be advertised again in January for 2 weeks. The date for interviews to be advised.

Action: A. Grace

6. Porch update. N. Dye.

Plans were shown for the proposed porch, the outline of which is to be marked out on the church floor to see how it would fit in with existing fixtures. Paul will do this on Thursday. The PCC are happy in principle to go ahead but permission has to be sought from the DAC and English Heritage would need to be advised. Once this advice has been obtained, detailed specifications will be produced for a tendering process. **Action: N. Dye, P. Fray and A. Grace**

7. Group Council update. J. Valpy.

There was a meeting in November. The increase in Verger fees and added costs to funerals for extra heating between October and May were approved. They agreed to support fund raising for Uganda and Shirley is to find out the best way to donate money. Their next meeting is in February. **Action: J.Valpy**

8. Leadership team K. Bell.

Next meeting will be on Monday 6th. Jan. 2014 at 83 High St., at 8 p.m. **Action: K. Bell**

9. Welcome training A. Grace.

The Welcome training was a great success. Adina and Jo both emphasised the importance of people being made welcome to our church. Douglas Holt has been booked for 2 sessions of training; the next session will be January 8th and will be for 12 people. **Action: A.Grace**

10. Correspondence.

A letter was received from Revd David Hiscock with a donation of £50 for the visit to the Church in September.

Cricklade Heritage Trail wrote to say "Thank you" for our letter of thanks.

K. Bell asked if a letter of thanks could be sent to the donator of our Christmas trees and to the providers of the mulled wine. **Action: R.Hyde-Bales**

Letters of thanks are to be sent to Cynthia Howells who has been a bell ringer for 40 years and to Val Atkins for all her work with flower arranging. **Action: S.Danby**

Sue Craig from S Club is to be presented with a tub planted with bulbs in Church as she is retiring. **Action: J.Valpy**

May New has sung with the choir for 60 years. The choir will recognise this and also her 90th.birthday.

Another foundation governor is needed for the junior school. The appointment is for 3 years.

11. Any Other Business.

a. Cheques for the church must be made out to PCC of Cricklade and not to St. Sampson's. N. Dye suggested that a new account is opened in the name of St Sampson's. **Action: A.Grace**

b. The Town Council are to erect a bollard to protect the wall west of the Gate Lodge.

K. Bell suggested "Legge House" at Wroughton as a possible venue for an Away Day in 2014.

c. It was suggested that the Revd. John Martin comes to present an "Agape" supper possibly in January.

d. Informal Worship is currently not viable due to lack of support. The last meeting will be with wine and canapés on Jan 17th. Katy, Matt and Graham will consider alternatives.

APCM will be Sunday 27th. April 2014

The next PCC meeting will be Monday 3rd. February 2014 at 8.00 pm in the current Parish Office.

The meeting closed at 10.10 p.m with the Grace.

Prepared by T Garstone, Sec to PCC.