

Minutes of St Sampson's P.C.C. Meeting, 22nd September 2014, at 8:00pm

Present Rev. P Bradley, K. Bell, B. Blythe, N. Dye, P. Fray, T. Garstone, V. Gilks, A. Grace, A. Ramage, R. Saunders, M. Smith, S. Smith, J. Valpy.

Apologies. S.Danby, P. Fray.

T. Pulleyn has tendered his resignation due to family and work commitments.

The chairman, Rev P. Bradley welcomed everyone to the September meeting and began with a Bible reading and prayers.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved and signed.

1. Arising.

Screen. We are waiting approval from English Heritage for the siting of the screen. Photographs have been sent to them. We can then apply for a faculty.

Cherubs. We are now waiting for estimates for the repair of the cherubs.

Clock. Rev. Bradley has requested that the clock is moved to the Museum as soon as possible. Rev Bradley to speak to the museum. Action Rev Bradley.

2. Teams. The teams are in different stages of formation, various members to get leaders for their teams. (see July minutes) J. Valpy is to look after the Children's team, and Mission and Outreach is to be led by M Smith. A brief report of each team to be circulated prior to every P.C.C. meeting.

3. Finance. Current account. £37,000. No. 2 account. £5,400. Fabric account. £25,400

As our finances are improving we may be able to pay another £15,000 towards our Pledge for 2014. We need to look at Stewardship as soon as possible. The Stewardship team is to come up with a plan.

Our insurance premium has gone down.

Flower money. The standing committee agreed to pay £70 towards the cost of flowers for decorating the church on special occasions. This was approved by the P.C.C.

The choir need to open a separate bank account in order to apply for grants for the organ fund.

4. Group Council report. Avril Fray has agreed to continue in her role as Safeguarding Officer. This covers all the churches in the Thames Valley Group. However, each church will have a nominated person for this purpose, who will report to A. Fray. This was proposed by J. Valpy and seconded by R. Saunders. Passed unanimously.

Three policies were discussed, a) Fair recruitment for ex- offenders, b) Handling of disclosure information, and c) draft lettings policy.

It was unanimously agreed to accept them all.

5. Deanery Synod report. The last meeting was postponed until 21st. October. It is an open meeting at Lea church 7.30 pm. All welcome.

6. Choir report. The choir were invited to sing at a wedding at Crudwell. They are busy with V.F.L. awards, 5 choristers are preparing for their Dean's award and two are preparing for their red award which will then enable them to continue to the Bishop's award. They are holding a "Forty's Night" in the Town Hall on 21st. November to raise money for the organ fund.

7. S. Club. They are hoping to extend the S. Club in October to include secondary school children.

8. Leadership. They had their first meeting with Rev. Bradley where the role of the leadership team was discussed. The photograph boards are now in place. The next meeting will be 4th. November. Minutes of the meetings to be circulated to members of the P.C.C.

9. Appointment of Parish Clerk. After advertising and interviews Pauline Loveday from Ashton Keynes has been appointed. She will start in October, working on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings.

Appointment of P.C.C. secretary. A new secretary is required as T. Garstone is retiring after the November meeting. Rev Bradley thanked T. Garstone for her work in this role (added by Rev Bradley).

10. A new Safeguarding Policy is being written.

11. Foundation Governor. At St. Sampson's school, Ian Wallace is to continue, Rev. Bradley is to be ex-officio, and S. Danby is standing down, but is to be ex-officio at Ashton Keynes. Therefore there is a vacancy for a further Foundation Governor. Action Rev Bradley.

12. Electrical Inspection. The estimate for this was circulated last month. The certificate will not be issued until certain work is done. The frost stat. needs to be moved and a light on the Lady Chapel is not safe due to damp. This will cost £ £720. It was proposed by Rev, Bradley and seconded by R. Saunders that this work is carried out. Passed unanimously.

Choir lighting. There is insufficient lighting in the choir stalls. The two uplighters are to have L.E.D. bulbs put in . V. Gilks very kindly said that he would pay for one of these.

13. Harvest Festival. 73 tickets have been sold so far for the Harvest luncheon.

14. Quiz. Plans are being finalised for the quiz night in October. 14 tables out of a possible 18 have been sold.

15. Correspondence. There is to be a Parish Officers Training Day in October. It was suggested that Pauline Loveday may like to attend this. Rev Bradley to ask her.

A letter was received from the Diocese regarding the Benefice of Cricklade with Latton 56/040. It was agreed to accept the content of the letter and for the parish to remain in suspension. T. Garstone is to reply to this.

16. Jenner Hall Report. V. Gilks is to attend a meeting of the Jenner Hall committee There will be a ceremony in November to mark the end of the Jenner Hall project . There will be a "Time Capsule" and the P.C.C. have been asked to contribute to this. A palm cross was suggested, but any other ideas will be considered.

17. Date of next meeting. Monday 17th, November 8 p.m.
Items for the agenda no later than 9th. November.

The meeting ended with the Grace at 9.20 p.m.

Prepared by T. Garstone. Sec. to P.C.C.