

## Minutes of St Sampson's PCC meeting held 8th November 2017, 8pm

Present: Rev'd P Bradley, K Bell, M Smith, R Masters, G Otter, R Saunders, A Ramage, A Grace, J Valpy

Apologies: A Bradbury, L Dodd

PB welcomed everyone and began with a Bible reading (Proverbs 3: 1-10) and prayer.

### 1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes had been approved by email and are on display in church and on website. PB signed a copy.

### 2. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

PB continues to actively seek new church wardens - there is someone interested. He hasn't had to take on anything extra since last meeting. KB commented that wardens are missed. Brief discussion on the role of wardens and possibility of trial period for anyone new, but it is a role that needs time to grow into, particularly as it involves so much to do with the building.

Quinquennial inspection is due soon and the architect will come to carry this out. Significant job and will include electrical testing, gutters and lightening conductors. PB will involve others to help as appropriate.

PB, RM and GO met with choir last Friday evening as planned. A useful meeting, choir were thanked for agreeing to self-fund at present. PCC recognised that communications moving forward need to be much better. No further actions.

All of the vision meetings have taken place, presented by PB. Lots of positive feedback, plenty of questions asked and overall a very worthwhile exercise. Paper copies of presentation will be available.

Pauline Loveday, administrator for UTG, will finish next month. Email advert for new person to fill this role has gone out, internal appointment preferred at this time, but may extend beyond if necessary. There is some interest.

### 3. Chair's report

No written report. PB has invited other churches across N Wilts Deanery to the New Wine weekend, July 7th/8th 2018. Organisation will begin January 2018.

### 4. Parish Share

Following a vote by email, the PCC voted to reduce our Parish Share for 2018 to £45,000 (previously £49,000). Ashton Keynes have also reduced theirs, Latton remain the same as 2017 and Leigh will increase. PB to inform Matthew Hall at Diocese. **Action - PB**

### 5. Finance

Current account balance: £13,454

No. 2 account balance:

Vicar's fund	£2,994
Organ	£3,820
Roof	£2,709
Youth worker	£50
Fabric	£17,558

3 oil deliveries this winter totalling over £3,000.

Donations box in church brings in £70 a month, approx.

For 2018, reducing our Parish Share should mean we break even. It would be useful for PCC to discuss future vision and budget (January's agenda) and present at next APCM.

#### 6. Renovating a building, growing a church

Waiting for quinquennial. January will be the time to really consider what we want and work towards a Statement of Need.

#### 7. Deanery Synod

At the last meeting, members were asked to prayerfully consider and discuss the attributes and skills they hoped for in a new bishop - this follows Bishop Mike's retirement in the summer. New appointment likely Autumn 2018. JV to circulate Diocesan newsletter to ensure all PCC receive it in future. **Action - JV**

#### 8. Communications

Sharon Smith is stepping down from producing the weekly news sheet. Need to find a replacement and it is already being advertised. Need to highlight it at all services.

#### 9. Together we are Stronger

The Christmas Tree Festival will be 2nd/3rd December. Posters are going up, 32 decorated trees have been promised, refreshments, entertainment etc.

Coffee mornings at Reanne's house - really worthwhile and is great way to reach out, especially to lonely people.

#### 10. Youth and Children's

Hannah has settled down in her new role, helping to lead Vibe and Monday Youth Group. All well with S Club. The Light Party was great fun. 3 people have volunteered to run children's work at 10am service. It will take place twice a month. Hoping for a 4th person to enable 2 teams, (leader plus helper each time). PB to alter S Club information in the Chronicle. **Action - PB**

#### 11. Safeguarding

KB will attend the Safeguarding Foundation and Safeguarding Leadership course. PCC will undergo safeguarding training in the New Year.

#### 12. Prayer

PCC had previously gathered suggestions to increase prayer opportunities at church. PB reminded everyone of ideas and plan to promote them in future.

#### 13. Jenner Hall

Following discussions, the Jenner Hall committee have agreed for 4pm service to have use of hall from 3.45pm each week. AG to check that our insurance still gives appropriate cover. **Action - AG**

#### 14. Events

PCC social - 29th November at Reanne's

Choir may organise something for 2018 Town Festival

Extra things going on for Christmas, as usual and advertised in Chronicle

Church Christmas Tree needs to be up the week before Christmas. **Action - PB & JV**

#### 15. Correspondence

None

#### 16. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 10th January 2018, 8pm, Red Lion