

Minutes of St Sampson's PCC meeting held 27th February 2019 at 8pm

Present: K Bell, A Grace, R Masters, M Smith, B Hammond, D Rowley, J Valpy

Apologies: P Bradley, G Otter, L Dodd

KB chaired the meeting and opened with a reading from Philippians 4 and prayer.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of 30.01.18 had previously been approved by email and displayed in church and on website.

KB signed a copy.

2. Matters arising not covered elsewhere

There will be a prayer event for the Mission Area on 21st March, 7.30pm at Hullavington Church. This is open to anyone interested and will begin to develop ideas for the North Wilts Mission Area.

3. Chair's report

No report.

4. Youth and Children

Following on from discussions about Vibe and Monday night Youth Group at our last meeting, RM has arranged to visit the group that meets at the Leisure Centre next week.

GO sent thoughts about current situation with Vibe to PB, as requested. Vibe will be a discussion point at next week's Informal Worship planning meeting.

5. Finance

Current balances:

Main account: £ 3,389

No2 account: £ 21,480 broken down as follows:

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| Vicar's discretionary fund: | £ 0 | (£752 transferred to fabric fund for new boiler burner) |
| Organ fund: | £ 3,820 | |
| Fabric: | £ 4,020 | |
| Regeneration (includes roof): | £ 8,459 | |
| Children's Educational charity: | £ 4,103 | |
| Funeral Donation: | £ 1,078 | (use for this to be agreed with family) |

The Main Account continues to be low and oil is a major expense at this time of year. AG pointed out that these are end of the month figures and most regular giving occurs on the 1st of the month.

8 people have now signed up to the Parish Giving Scheme, 2 of whom are brand new givers. This money will come in by the 10th of each month.

6. Fabric

BH reported that we will need to apply retrospectively for planning permission for the boiler house railings (now erected). We were originally led to believe that we would not need planning permission, by Wiltshire Council, but the conservation officer has been in touch to instruct otherwise. BH to pursue through Architect. **Action - BH**

An electrician is coming next week to look at replacing lights in the Widhill Aisle - it is currently very dim. Bulbs cannot be replaced because the existing lights are so old.

BH has blocked off certain pews in church where it is clear the floor is rotting away. It is gradual, but getting worse and poses a trip hazard.

BH monitored average temperature in church during February, twice a day, for 7 days. It was 10.8 degrees celsius.

7. Church Building Regeneration

Architect visited last week and gave some good ideas for building development and fund raising options. We have a good chance of accessing money through the Heritage Lottery Fund as they support the idea of improving church buildings for modern worship. QS report would give a clearer picture of costs.

PCC recognised the importance of establishing a fund raising group asap to really move things along. Creating a 'Friends of St Sampson's' giving scheme could appeal to the wider community and has worked well in Ashton Keynes.

8. Deanery Synod

No meeting

9. Together We Are Stronger

Family games night is this Saturday with around 70 people coming.

Plenty of support for The Filling Station project, with lots of food donations and sandwich making tomorrow morning in church.

10. Safeguarding

BH completed a basic level safeguarding course on the Bristol Diocese website. JV to check records with Avril Fray to see when others completed. **Action - JV**

11. Prayer

A second prayer weekend is now being advertised and booking slots are available online or list in church. The weekend will be 29th - 31st March 2019.

12. Jenner Hall

Nothing to report.

13. Correspondence

Our church has 2 information leaflets (one for adults, one for children) that give historical info and general points of interest about St Sampson's church building. These are always available at the back of church and also at the Town Council Offices. The leaflets need revising and John Hickman has agreed to do this. Helen Dixon will print them. All agreed that it would be a good idea to include a page on the back with donation information. This is common in other churches and will hopefully bring in a little more income. AG to liaise. **Action - AG**

AG needs to submit statistics for mission to the Diocese (attendance at different services and age groups represented). MS and KB to help work out figures for the different services.

Electoral Roll will undergo a full revision this year. Forms to go out this week and notices given in services. JV and Sarah Smith to collate data and new roll will be displayed prior to APCM at the end of April.

Churches Together has been discussing a possible location for a satellite Food Bank in Cricklade. Suggestion of the Leisure Centre. JV to feed back to Suzi Tipper/Nick Dye. **Action - JV**

A number of people have given feedback that they miss the monthly church newsletter. The PCC felt that if someone could be found to do it, then it would be good to reinstate it.

KB drew attention to a booklet for Lent, 'Pilgrim Journeys, 40 Days of reflections on the Beatitudes'. Copies available from Shirley Danby and it is hoped that many people will use it during the Lenten period. There is no ecumenical Lent course this year.

14. Date of next meeting

APCM - Sunday 28th April 2019, 11am in church