



**Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting - Monday 22nd January 2018
At Rothley Church of England Primary School Academy - 19:30**

Present:

Revd. Rob Gladstone (Chair), Alison Godfrey, Kate Croden, Kate Cooper, Clive Jackson, Frances Morrison, Margaret Offley, Jonty Pilbeam, Linda Poole, Ray Prince, David Salt, David Wilson, Sue Wilson, Revd. Josh Bailey, Susan Pinkus.

Apologies:

Wendy Ferguson

Declarations of Interest:

None

Vicar's Report

1. Bishop of Loughborough

Rob explained that the newly-appointed Bishop of Loughborough, Rt Revd. Guli Francis-Dehqani, is NOT a bishop for Loughborough but for the whole Diocese with a special responsibility for black and minority ethnic Churches. She will be moving into a property on Mountsorrel Lane over the half term holiday, following which Rob intends to meet with her to welcome her to the village. Rob read 1 Timothy 2:1 - 15 and outlined the various viewpoints within the Church of England on the issue of women in the Episcopate. A short discussion followed.

ACTION Rob to meet with the Bishop of Loughborough as soon as diaries permit.
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2. Reordering

Rob thanked Ken Arkley again for all he has done on this project but reminded us that Ken has stepped back now and as yet there has been no one to take his place and there seems to be no or very little emotional drive to take it forward. The provision of a disabled access toilet was 'strongly recommended' in the 2015 Quinquennial Inspection. We need a project team to take this forward ahead of engaging an architect. The Diocese required stronger arguments from us for the full project, so a smaller project has been suggested. We need a Team Leader and team to take this forward.

3. Away Day

At St. Mary in Charnwood, Nanpantan, on 27 January. The aim of the day is to look at our key points, needs, goals and aspirations for the next 10 years.

At this point Rob led prayer for support in everything discussed and all that remained.

Approval of Minutes from 27th November/Matters Arising

Clive noted that our 10 year plan needs to be under Operations not H & S. Second one - water boiler approved as part of 2017 plan NOT approved at Nov 27th meeting.

Sue Wilson said re Choir Fund - children paid at weddings are paid from the Choir Fund. With these changes, the minutes were approved.

1. Data Protection

The legal changes due to become effective in May 2018 require the church to ensure that any personal details we hold are **only** used for the purposes for which they have been collected.

ACTION David Salt to contact Terry Sheppard before May to recompile a new contact list to comply with the above. Suggest that this is done as soon as possible after the APCM. Once completed this new contact list should not just be given to anyone who asks for it.

ACTION David Salt and the Communications Team need to develop a Data Privacy Notice. Rupert Allan is the specialist in the Diocese on this and we should show him our drafts.

ACTION David Salt to bring draft notices for both the above to the next meeting.

2. Fairtrade Church

David Wilson drew our attention to Proverbs 13:23 for the scriptural reasoning behind our aims in this. **Fairtrade church motion was approved unanimously after short discussion.**

3. Foundation Governors

Kathryn Garnett had been nominated and **was approved unanimously.** She will work alongside Kate Croden, Rob Gladstone and Janet Alexander (approved at the previous PCC meeting).

Operations and Health and Safety

Roll of Honour faculty granted and work will be undertaken 23rd - 27th July. The restoration work will be completed in time for The Great War armistice centenary. Paid for by private donations - no cost to PCC, Ray to keep looking after this project.

Diocesan Advisory Committee approved request from Charnwood Borough Council for repair to west wall - new coping stones and reduction in height.

ChurchBuilder - Business Committee recommended that we do not take this forward. **Agreed unanimously.**

APCM Sunday 15th April - two people are prepared to be nominated as Church Wardens - **Angela Neill & Mike Ferguson.**

Four vacancies on PCC: Kate Croden, Linda Poole, Clive Jackson coming to the end of their first term. One definite space as Wendy Lewis has resigned.

Frances & Ray have decided that they are not prepared to stand for nomination to the PCC after finishing their terms as Wardens.

New dishwasher plumbed in on January 19th together with new boiler. £600 for plumbing and connection - in 2018 budget.

We have found a new trainer for food safety course - 10th February.

Problem of dangerous exposed fence in OSR courtyard -

ACTION: Ray to provide a temporary solution until wall built.
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Finance

Sue Wilson reported that the 2017 Annual Report and Accounts were almost complete and the accounts would be submitted to the Independent Examiner on 25th January.

Despite negative budget for 2017 - surplus of £4,000.

2018 budget deficit figure of £2,336 roughly equal to the cost of expected OSR non-routine work in 2018. Do we want to cover costs from General Fund this year or allocate funds from elsewhere? **PCC agreed to proceed** with negative 2018 budget as some of this was expected to be covered by allowed contingency and possible underspending in some areas.

Choir Fund has been discussed by Jonty Pilbeam and Sue W and they proposed a change to the way choir wedding payments are handled. Church of England recommends that these payments go directly into the choir's own bank account and the choir may use these funds as they determine. This is what happens with the bell ringers. **SW and JP proposed that £1,000 from the existing Choir Fund is transferred to a new bank account that the choir will set up and the remaining balance be transferred to the General Fund. Agreed unanimously.** Future choir fees will now be transferred to the choir's bank account when they are received. When the Junior Choir sing at weddings they will be paid out of the choir's account; however they will continue to be paid from the General Fund for Sunday Services.

On current figures we have sufficient money available to cover the expected non-routine expenditure identified in the 10 year Management and Maintenance Plans for the Church and OSR for the next 7 years.

Committees

Discretionary tithe - 15% of the total tithe given to organisations with which we have a close connection. **Send Committee's proposed allocation agreed unanimously.**

Church attendance stats

This will be part of the backdrop to session 3 on our away day and will be discussed further then. There was consensus about not being overly dictated to by numbers.

Review of meeting

- Shorter agenda meant it was more focussed/manageable with better discussion.
- Good to start with the Vicar's Report.
- Bible study and prayer well integrated into and pertinent to the discussions.
- End of year of this PCC and the group is very cohesive and positive. It was felt that we are working well together because we all know each other better now.

Meeting finished at 21. 30

The next meetings:

Business Committee on Thursday 1st March

**Next PCC on Monday 12th March 2018
19.15 for 19.30 start**

Susan Pinkus January 30th 2018