



Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting - Monday 12th 2018 at Rothley Church of England Primary School Academy - 19:30

Present:

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

1. **Opening Prayers** Josh led by recognising that we need to seek Jesus in our practical planning for the future and read from Psalm 90: 'May the favour of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us-' We then split into groups for a short period of prayer.

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None
Apologies: Kate Cooper, David Salt
Approval of minutes from Jan 22nd
Matters Arising
Page 3 The temporary solution to the wall has been provided but work is still ongoing. Jeff Hardy is keeping a watching brief.
APCM - nomination forms are available from Church from March 18th

3. **How to deliver, clarify and communicate our priorities to the village in terms of our mission.**
 - A. **Discipleship** This incorporates:
Future Structure and use of House-groups
Prayer and growing in prayer
Growth in 1:1 Bible Ministry
Leadership
 - B. **The Primary School and the opportunities which arise from our links with it.**
 - C. **The issue of loneliness and isolation** which includes widows/widowers/
single parents/isolation by working commitments/hoursPeriod of discussion followed including how to initiate and provide the training needed.
There was a lot of discussion about the efficacy of communication needed for the forthcoming changes. Most agreed there was a central role to be played by House Groups and House Group Leaders but we do need to build on what is already working very well.
Discussion took place regarding the efficacy of our website. We need someone to take responsibility for this; to make a connection between the PCC and Paul Parkinson.

Rob proposed that we do not apply to have another Curate until 2020. This would free up his time to co-ordinate/oversee all these planned changes by investing more time in lay members of the congregation. It was suggested that more lay members would be enabled to become more involved in ministry.

4. Safeguarding

The Diocese provided the template for our paperwork but Wendy has added some relevant detail - documents had been circulated and were approved. Rob and the Churchwardens signed the documents, which will be sent to the Diocese.

Action: There is a need to communicate these revisions to key personnel.
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5. Finance

Sue Wilson had circulated the 2017 Annual Report & Accounts prior to the meeting. Some small changes had been notified and the report was approved and signed by Rob on behalf of the PCC.

Annual Review of Policies

The four finance policies were approved:

Bank Business Card policy - no change

Finance Reserves policy - no change to the policy itself

Legacy Policy - no change

Stewardship Account Security and Safeguarding Arrangements: tightening of security arrangements

The required balance for the payment of four business visas from the Youth Fund for the GOMAD trip was approved.

Investment Reserves - Approval was given to Sue Wilson to open two savings accounts with CAF Bank to obtain improved return on our reserves: a 60-day notice account and a 12-month fixed rate saver account.

The Business Committee had recommended approval of the request from the Baptist Church to provide printing for the Food Bank. This was agreed and will come from the Send budget in 2018.

6. Operations

The Church roof was checked at the end of January - satisfactory.

All PAT testing has been completed

West boundary wall nearly complete - hopefully by end of March

There are some problems with the clock and chimes. Ray has secured an estimate of £930 plus VAT. This may be taken out of the Quinquennial & Fabric Fund but we need to obtain a Faculty to deal with it. Ray pointed out that this has come at a time when he is standing down as Churchwarden. He would not have the time at the moment to start a new Faculty. Frances suggested that this be passed to the new Churchwardens to deal with. The PCC agreed unanimously to apply for the Faculty. (The PCC has 17 member and 15 were present with 2 apologies.)

7. Data Protection David Salt absent

8. Mount view

A new Housegroup/Faith and Friendship group has been set up and will run once a fortnight at Mountview led by Wendy Ferguson. There are still some issues regarding technology and transmitting our Sunday Service to the care home in the future. This is still at the planning stage.

9. Vicar's Report

Following the success of our All Together services we propose to run the third of such services on June 24th. This will be a late afternoon Summer Tea followed by a service at 5.30.pm. Dry and wet weather options will be planned.

The Contemporary Evening Services are popular and will continue for another 6 months.

CPAS Ventures - 10 Year 4 pupils from Rothley School have been chosen and have committed to attend. We need another person from the Church family to accompany Rob from Friday evening to Sunday afternoon 27th to 29th April. This will be funded by Pupil Premium, the Church and the Diocese.

10. Review of Meeting

Did we make any decisions regarding the structure and employment of our Reach, Build and Send Committees? Carry on as usual for the time being.

Everybody contributed this evening.

Jesus answered our prayers.

Positive meeting.

Closing Prayers

Meeting closed at 21.32

The next meetings:

Business Committee short meeting after informal PCC on April 19th

**Next PCC on Monday 14th May 2018
19.15 for 19.30 start**