



**Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting - Monday May 14th 2018
at Rothley Church of England Primary School Academy - 19:30**

Present:

Revd. Rob Gladstone, (Chair) Revd. Josh Bailey, Alison Godfrey, Clive Jackson, Jonty Pilbeam, Linda Poole, Angela Neill, Mike Ferguson, David Wilson, Sue Wilson, Wendy Ferguson, Cath Jagger, David Salt, Susan Pinkus (Secretary).

1. Opening Prayers

Reading from Acts 1 - a period of waiting ... pray to keep us ready.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

Apologies: Kate Cooper, Margaret Offley

Approval of minutes from March 12th and Informal PCC on April 19th

Matters Arising None

3. PCC organisation to address our three priorities established at the PCC away day leading us towards what needs to be done to establish a Healthy Anglican Church by 2028.

A. Discipleship

B. Population growth and the outreach opportunities provided by the school

C. The issue of loneliness and health

These three areas need to be communicated within Church and also to the wider community.

In addition, four areas of existing work have been brought forward:

Bishop's Big Conversation Mission Autumn 2018

Church Reordering

Communication

Finance and Operations

PCC members had been asked which areas they wanted to be involved in. The involvement of the congregation is also necessary.

We don't want a new committee structure. The congregation need to be informed that we are dissolving the Reach, Build, Send structure but still keeping these tenets integral to our mission. We need task groups in priority areas and a lead person in each area. The existing Send Committee will continue in some form as this is an area of work not covered by any of the seven main topics.

ACTION Rob to produce a document to go out to the congregation to inform them of the changes *(to date Rob has already distributed a first draft of this)*.

ACTION Rob to circulate the full list of PCC members' areas of interest/involvement.

Rob's function will be one of support across the board rather than being the main driving force.

Initial list:

Outreach and School - Alison, Josh, Susan

Discipleship - Alison and Josh

Loneliness and Health (includes community outreach) - Wendy, Susan, Margaret, Ros, Alison

Finance and Operations - Sue W and Clive

Mission - Linda, Cath and David W

Communications - Linda, Clive and David S

Reordering - Clive and Jonty

Carrie focusing on families and children under 11

ACTION The date **JUNE 17th** was set for for Rob to deliver this to the congregation during the services that day and the **AIM** is also to announce the lead people for each area on that day.

4. Bishop's Big Conversation Autumn 2018:

Jon Barrett, Diocesan Mission and Communication Enabler, is bringing this to Rothley and would like to attend out first PCC of the Autumn Term (September 24th) to chat about it from a Diocesan point of view. What is needed at the moment is for people to continue to bring ideas to Rob of where the Bishop could be involved during that period between Thursday Nov 29th (light switch on) and Sunday Dec 3rd. The Bishop will need to know our planned programme about one month beforehand.

There is a budget of £1,500 for this and there is also grant funding available, although this must also be used for follow up activities/groups. We probably need the programme to be in place by September 24th. The Bishop will be taking the service on Sunday morning December 3rd.

ACTION: - Cath, Linda and David to meet for initial discussions and planning.

5. Finance including Parish Contribution 2019

Discussion about the Old School Rooms was deferred to the next PCC.

Parish Contribution 2019

The Church's largest expense each year is the Parish Contribution paid to the Diocese of Leicester. Rothley's contribution for 2018 is £89,386 which is paid in monthly instalments of £7,448. The amount payable is no longer set by the Diocese but is determined by each individual parish. We have to consider two factors when making our decision: the financial needs of the Diocese and the financial position of the parish.

Neither Rob nor Sue had received any indication as to its needs from the Diocese and realistically this information is vital. Following informal enquiries, Sue thinks a general increase of about 2.5% is needed. She asked if the Area Dean and Chair of Laity would be able to confirm that this might be an appropriate figure.

ACTION: Rob to let the Diocese know that parishes are unable to make a realistic offer until they have this information.

Our own budget for 2018 shows a deficit of £2,100 at the moment but Sue is hopeful that we will break even at the end of the year. In considering our pledge the Diocese has asked us to be **generous, realistic and prayerful**.

A vote was taken to support an increase in our Parish Contribution bearing in mind we are the third largest congregation in the Diocese. Some parishes did not meet their pledges last year.

3 votes for 2%

11 votes for 2.5%

1 vote for 3%

An increase of 2.5% was carried. The Parish Contribution for 2019 will be £91,620.

6. Vicar's Report

There was a discussion about Confirmation and whether there might be a service in Rothley.

ACTION Rob to announce confirmation dates. (now done see below)

I've checked my details about Confirmation that I didn't have to hand on Monday evening. The next Deanery Confirmation is Sunday October 14th at East Goscote 10:00am. The Bishop's Office have not yet been in touch about dates for 2019, but it would be normal for there to be one confirmation per Deanery per year. We hosted at Rothley in 2010, 2012 & 2015 so there are a number of churches in the Deanery that might readily expect to be ahead of us in the queue to have the privilege of hosting the next one.

Rob has feedback from the recent CPAS weekend trip for Year 4 pupils from Rothley. All the feedback was positive. Unfortunately 3 children were unable to attend as arranged. It is hoped that there will be some follow up for these children e.g. next year they will be old enough to attend Big Questions at school on a Wednesday lunchtime.

Carrie is currently using up accrued holiday allowance and therefore working three days per week for the next 13 weeks.

ACTION Rob to discuss with Carrie her decision re her contract after this period and inform PCC/Finance as there are obvious implications for her salary.

We agreed to promote *The God Particle* in Sileby on 16th November to our congregation. Rob confirmed that Sileby are not expecting us to be involved with the organisation or the financing of the event.

7. Operations including Annual Review of Health and Safety policies

There are a couple of items which need a review but Clive is meeting the new Church Wardens on May 19th. We were all happy with the Health and Safety policy.

Ray and Frances need to sign off the policies as their tenure doesn't finish until May 23rd.

An emergency exit gate has been put into the wall in the OSR yard. A ramp will be needed and this will be completed when the new flats have been finished.

8. General Data Protection Regulation

New data protection legislation comes into force on May 25th. We need an action plan for compliance.

The information on the computer in Liz's office is already safely stored.

An audit of data is needed but we do not need to obtain permission from church members to contact them as legitimate interest covers this.

ACTION: The Finance Committee will take this under their wing and work with David Salt.

For additional information

Some important dates coming up soon:

MGP event June 6th: Where is God in a world in Crisis?

June 16th Midsummer Heritage Event

June 24th Next All Together meeting/picnic and service.

9. Review of Meeting:

It was a manageable agenda.

We are beginning to move forward with changing working groups.

A lot was discussed.

Involving more of the congregation in the life of the Church is a good/healthier idea.

Everyone spoke/contributed.

There was a good balance between mission and operations.

Item 3 was challenging in terms of what to take forward but we have moved things on.

Happy with outcomes on finance.

Positive meeting.

10. Closing prayers

Meeting closed at 21.30

The next meetings:

Business Committee: 20th June, 7.30pm at 56 Grangefields Drive (NB Changed date)

Next PCC on Monday 9th July 2018

19.15 for 19.30 start at Rothley School