

Minutes of a Meeting of All Saints' Chilton PCC
Held on Tuesday 3rd July 2012 at 9.30pm in the Church Extension

Present:	Rev Pam Rolls (Chairman)	Mr Philip Garner
	Mrs Naomi Gibson	Mrs Lin Kerr
	Mr Stuart Gibson	Mrs Ruth Poole
	Mr Andrew Hayes	Rev Jonathan Mobey (for items 4 and 5)
	Mrs Hazel King	Mrs Carol Pigott (Secretary)
	Mrs Liz Morris	

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Mr Alex Reich, Dr John Berry, and Mr John Pigott

2. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

A short discussion followed, initiated by Naomi, regarding confidentiality and publishing documents on the website. Pam confirmed that minutes should not be made public until they had been approved and signed, and Hazel stressed the importance of discretion when writing minutes up. Carol agreed and said she had also come to realise that saving documents in the secure PCC area of the web site could be an asset, as a means of back-up when computers failed.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

(i) Sound and Vision Update Stuart had nothing to report on this at the moment. Andrew asked him to keep in mind the deadline of 23rd November for the projector.

(ii) Leadership of Chilton Evergreens Pam reported that Audrey Slater was to plan the next term's events, and asked for suggestions of possible future leaders as the couple she'd approached had unfortunately had to decline the invitation to take over leadership of the Evergreens.

4. Committee Reports

(i) Finance, including ability to pay Diocesan Share. The Revenue Account to 30th June had been circulated prior to the meeting, and Stuart gave his report verbally. The Parish Share, and Joint Expenses, had been fully paid to date, but the Missions Giving (£4,500) had not yet been paid. Missions are normally paid out towards the end of the year. Although the Revenue Account gave the impression that we were on target, having paid the major expenses to date, all the Gift Aid tax had already been recovered, and we were still in deficit by about £4000 to our other funds. In addition to this, Stuart anticipated giving would be considerably lower over the next half-year, following several deaths, and some people about to leave the village. He expected our pledged income to be 40% down per month towards the end of the year. In response to Hazel's question on the Electricity figures, Stuart said that there had been a problem, which had been resolved, and we were now in credit. There followed a discussion on our legal and moral position in connection with paying the Parish share, the fact that the formula for deciding the amount of share to come from each benefice would not be amended in the near future, and other forms of raising funds, such as fetes, "Friends", and stewardship. There would need to be further discussion on the share at the next meeting

Missions Budget. Pam had circulated the proposed budget. Some recipients had been removed from the list, as it was known they were supported by others locally, and they no longer had links with Chilton. Hazel enquired if we supported David and Heather Sharland, and Pam replied that they were supported via our giving to the Church Missions Society. Leprosy Mission appeared to be a low amount, but this was because individuals collected, in addition to our giving as a church. Christian Aid and Tear Fund were also supported by individual church events.

Andrew Hayes proposed we accept the Missions Budget. Hazel King seconded, and it was accepted unanimously.

- (ii) Fabric John Berry had circulated the Fabric Report, following the churchyard action day on Saturday 30th June, and the committee meeting on Sunday 1st July. He had asked Carol to pass on his request, that PCC be considering the policy to be taken next spring, regarding grass-cutting versus providing wild areas for nature conservation, so that a decision could be taken later in the year. There had been complaints over the long grass, and compliments too, so we should not be able to please all. Andrew asked if the report could be amended, under "Disabled Access" to say "that a sidesman would arrange for a person to assist at the chancel step", as the sidesman may be assisting at Communion, and so unable to help a disabled person themselves. There was also a discussion on the paths, and Stuart asked Andrew if quotes could be obtained for a bonded resin surface for all the paths, so that we had a definite figure to consider.
- (iii) Youth Report/Child Protection Naomi reported that everyone had covered Ruth's absence well, and as Ruth was now well on the mend, she would be taking over co-ordination of Discoverers and Check it Out. Pam said that Y Club was growing, and there were now 16 in the group. The Prayer and Reflection event at Chilton School had gone very well, and had been reported on at the earlier Combined PCC meeting.
- (iv) Pastoral Care Pam reported that the team now consisted of herself, Audrey Slater, Rosemary and the Rector. Rev Bruce Keble and Steve Boddy had both retired from the team. She reminded PCC to pass information on to members of the team if they heard of a need within the village.

5. Harvest Preparations

After general discussion, during which Ruth volunteered herself and Ali to organise a Barbeque in September, (which would be a welcoming event for all newcomers to the village), it was agreed that we should have a Bring and Share lunch in the Hall on Harvest Sunday (7th October), possibly with games. It had been decided that we should support Tear Fund as usual, but the decision on the disposal of the harvest produce would be taken at the September PCC meeting. This could be auction of perishables, or distribution to families who might appreciate it, or as welcoming gifts to the new residents of Chilton Field, or to Didcot food bank, or Oxford Porch/Steppin' centre.

Carol volunteered to organise the Bring and share, knowing she would be supported by Hazel, Naomi, Liz and Ruth, and she would book the hall.

6. Review of Diamond Jubilee Events

Ruth was thankful to the Lord for the weather, and the cream teas had proved very popular. There had been a good village presence, with more than 145 people on the field at one time. The music went well, although in church it made social interaction over the cream teas a little difficult, and the church was also rather full with all the displays. Possibly the cream teas and open bell tower would be sufficient, for a future event. People were keen to have another fete, and Pam thanked all those who had been involved in this, particularly Ali Poole's organisation. (Subsequent to the meeting, Carol received a further comment, that the poetry event in church in the evening had been very good, with about 22 attending, both church and non-church people.)

7. Future Dates

Christine Perkins would be visiting on Sunday 15th July

Pam and Philip were keen to organise a prayer event/walk in the future to focus on the Chilton Field Development. The possibility of having a further prayer walk on Rogation Sunday was also discussed

8. Any Other Business

Pam presented the list of proposed additional Communion Assistants for approval.

Judy Burbage
John Pigott
Alex Reich
Kate Evans

Dave Kerr
Audrey Slater
Vicky MacArthur
Gordon Gill

Ruth Poole proposed, and Andrew Hayes seconded, that we accept the above nominees, and they were accepted unanimously.
Naomi would include Communion Assistants on the rota.

Liz passed on a message from the Village Hall Management Committee, that the Hall would be unavailable for some time in 2013 to 2014, while it is being extended. They asked if the Church premises might be available for Hall users to use. The question of Insurance would have to be addressed, and Philip stated that we should need to ascertain the type of activity that would take place. There was a possibility that the Community Room on the Chilton Field might be available, but Liz informed PCC that there was no obligation for the developers to build it, until there were 100 houses in occupation.

Pam read a note from Avril Butler, thanking PCC for the flowers she received on her retirement from her position as secretary.

9. Closing Prayer

Pam closed the meeting with prayer at 11.05pm.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 18th September 7.45pm in Harwell.

.....Chairman

Carol Pigott
Secretary