

**Minutes of a Meeting of All Saints' Chilton PCC**  
**Held on Tuesday 2nd July 2013 at 7.45pm 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	Mrs Sylvie Thompson (from Item 7)
Mrs Hazel King	Mrs Carol Pigott (Secretary)
Mrs Liz Morris	Mr Alex Reich

**1. Worship**

Rev Dr Jonathan Mobey opened the meetings, with All Saints' and St Matthew's PCCs together in church, with a reading from Rev. ch 3 vv14-22. The church in Laodicea was neither hot nor cold. They were rich, and felt they needed nothing, but were not rich in the sight of God. He rebukes those whom he loves, and disciplines them. We can be challenged by this passage. Are we being compromised or distracted? Are we whole-hearted? We need God's gifts, which are freely available, to keep us on the right path. We have the right to sit with him on his throne, but we can only overcome if we always depend on his will for us.

This passage was followed by a short time of silence, and prayer.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Mr John Pigott

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

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

**4. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- (i) Leadership of Chilton Evergreens. A paper on this from Mrs Audrey Slater had been circulated prior to the meeting. Rev Pam Rolls confirmed that Mrs Slater had planned to extend her leadership until Christmas, with the November meeting being a celebratory service, led by Pam, and finally a Christmas lunch. Discussions were ongoing regarding the use of existing funds, and Mr Gordon Cowan would resign as treasurer for the group once the final accounts had been audited.
- (ii) Support Rail at Chancel Step Andrew Hayes explained that this was in abeyance, pending a decision on raising the floor for under-floor heating. Positioning an assistant at the step during administration of communion was working, but a reminder was needed that this person should be first to receive communion, before the choir. Awareness was also needed at the main door.
- (iii) Alternative Tree Safety Report Stuart Gibson had received this survey from a local contact, and would pass it to the Fabric Committee.
- (iv) Deanery Synod Representative Mr Philip Garner had agreed to fill this position, and had already attended one meeting of synod. Pam Rolls pointed out that this meant we now had a vacancy on PCC. Ruth Poole and Philip would approach someone to be co-opted on in his place.
- (v) Condition of Gravestones Although not on the agenda, Andrew Hayes was aware that this was a matter arising from previous minutes. He was still looking to discover when the gravestones had last been checked, for frost damage, stability, etc.

## 5. Committee Reports

- (i) Finance. The Revenue Account to 30<sup>th</sup> June and Financial Report had been compiled by Stuart Gibson and circulated just prior to the meeting. Andrew commented that he was pleased that our difficulty with meeting the full Parish Share was being flagged up early. Stuart was still actively pursuing British Gas over the excessive electricity bill. It was a shame that the Mission Development Grant had been turned down, but we could apply again next year. The cost of the Path would be covered by the funds raised so far (in the Path Fund), a designated legacy of £6,000, plus other legacies in the Legacy Fund. It was also possible that a grant could be received from the Vale of White Horse Council. There followed a brief discussion on the possibility of starting a "Friends of All Saints" fund-raising group. Hazel King cautioned that "Friends" could sometimes exert undue influence on church projects.
- Missions Budget. Pam had circulated the proposed budget. Overseas giving was similar to last year, with John Abu Bakker to receive considerably more. This was because there had been a shortfall in 2011, and also John's vision had greatly increased. CARE had been removed from the Home giving budget and Prayer Spaces in Schools had been added.
- Rev Pam Rolls proposed we accept the Missions Budget. Carol Pigott seconded, and it was accepted unanimously.
- (ii) Fabric (Excluding Heating, Including Path) The Fabric Report had been received from John Berry, chairman of the committee, and circulated. The new communion table had been requested by Pam. Pam explained that the Credence table (currently brought to the chancel step, for the consecration of the elements to be visible to the congregation) is too small to take a book rest, or the flagons and dish, and was also unstable. A new larger table could have other functions too, such as at the registration of marriages. Andrew Hayes explained that whilst an estimate had been requested from Pierre Woodward (who has previously done excellent work for us), no proposal was as yet being put to the PCC in respect of a new table.
- The Path had been covered in the report, and Andrew confirmed that John Berry was arranging a date for members of the fabric committee to visit Pembroke College in order to see examples of work done by Drayton Construction. The Standing Committee would subsequently make a decision.
- Pam commented on the lovely tree work that had been done in the churchyard, and there was a discussion on the state of the fence-posts, and the missing chains.
- (iii) Youth Report Ruth Poole said that there would be a meeting the following week, to discuss how the youth work would carry on, while the Hall is out of use, so she would have a full report at the next meeting. Pam reported that this term there had been 10 school pupils attending Y-Club, including 3 (with no church connection) from Chilton Field. They had been "rebuilding the walls" with Nehemiah. Prayer Spaces would be next week, and help would be welcomed setting up on the Monday afternoon, dismantling on the Friday afternoon and with the prayer zones over Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday morning. Pam thanked Ruth and Naomi for their ongoing work and commitment to Discoverers and Check it Out.
- (iv) Pastoral Care Pam reported that a number of parishioners had been in hospital, with some still in, and there had been several funerals recently. She and the Rector provided Communion at home quarterly, and would be doing so again in July, for any housebound who would appreciate this.

## **6. Heating All Saints'**

Mrs Sylvie Thompson, chair of the heating sub-committee, had circulated a report. She would be arriving later at this meeting, and so Andrew spoke on her behalf. (Mr Steve Hale was also on the committee, but had been unable to attend the meeting of the sub-committee.)

- (i) The possibility of fitting a raised floor Natalie Merry, secretary to the DAC, would come on 16<sup>th</sup> July, to advise on this possibility.
- (ii) Future heating options would be considered following Natalie's visit
- (iii) Likely completion date it was hoped to be completed for the winter of 2014, and October 2014 was the aim.
- (iv) Purchase of replacement for lectern fan heater Including fitting, this was estimated to be £500. There followed a discussion on purchasing second-hand, and on re-sale once the new heating system had been installed. Whilst Andrew cautioned strongly against the idea, and warned of the implications, he agreed to try and purchase a second hand FRICO 9KW heater on ebay or similar. (Naomi is now kindly checking)

Andrew Hayes proposed, and Pam Rolls seconded, the purchase of a fan heater. The resolution was carried, with 3 abstentions.

Andrew commented that there were now three fabric projects being undertaken, and their progress could be followed on the website.

## **7. Noticeboard for Chilton Field**

Mr Philip Garner had met and spoken with the new land manager for Goodman's, who were very kindly allowing us to erect the board on their land. The situation was in hand, but a delay had been caused by staff changes within Goodman's. There followed a discussion of the necessity for acquiring planning permission. Liz Morris kindly agreed to investigate whether planning permission was necessary.

## **8. Child Protection/Benefice Safeguarding update**

Vicki Luker of Harwell had been formally approved as Safeguarding Officer for the Benefice by the JPCC at the June CPCC meeting.

## **9. Approval of Sermon Series**

Following approval by the JPCC at the June CPCC meeting, PCC were asked to accept the following resolution:

It is proposed that the Lectionary readings be followed during major liturgical seasons, but that sermon series should be followed at other times.

Rev Pam Rolls proposed, Mrs Naomi Gibson seconded, and the motion was carried with one abstention.

Ruth asked if the series could be advertised in advance, e.g. in January, so that Home Groups and Children's Work could link into the same theme.

## 10. Harvest Preparations

Naomi had circulated a paper on our Harvest celebrations, including why and how we celebrate, and how we distribute or sell the produce. After a short discussion, it was agreed that this year we should have cream teas in church, as these are always well supported by people to whom we want to reach out. Perishable produce could be available for people to take, and leave a donation. Non-perishables would go to the food bank in Didcot, as before, and monetary donations to Tear Fund. Tear Fund produce a video, which could be running throughout the event. Thinking of the harvest and Tear Fund theme, Andrew questioned whether as an alternative, harvest produce could be used for the teas. It was agreed that this suggestion will be reviewed for 2014.

## 11. JPCC decisions approved at CPCC, for information.

- (i) An Alpha Course, or START, should be held in Chilton, probably in January 2014. The Rector would ask Churches Together in Didcot if such a course was planned, with which we could join.
- (ii) The "Cross" variant was accepted as the new Benefice Logo, subject to modification
- (iii) Weekly printed service sheets would be introduced.
- (iv) The service on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month would be changed to the format of "Service of the Word" with the option of keeping secondary-aged children in the congregation for the whole service
- (v) The Rector was awaiting legal advice from the Diocese on the proposal to trial the use of alcohol-free wine at the Holy Communion Services at 9.30 and 11.00 am, between September and November, for review at the November JPCC.

## 12. Future Dates

Prayer Spaces at Chilton School	8 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> July
Training for Lesson Readers (Pam Frodsham)	20 <sup>th</sup> July
Holiday Club at Harwell School	19 <sup>th</sup> – 23 <sup>rd</sup> August
Cream Teas in All Saints'	Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August
Training for Intercessors (PMR and JI) (10.00 – 11.30)	7 <sup>th</sup> and 14 <sup>th</sup> September
Welcome BBQ in Chilton Village Hall (4.30 – 8.00) (for Newcomers and all Church Family)	14 <sup>th</sup> September
Harvest Cream Teas in All Saints'	Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October

## 13. Any Other Business

- (i) Connect Planning Meeting had been held on 1<sup>st</sup> July, and would meet again on 2<sup>nd</sup> September. It had been decided to continue with Connect on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month from September. This pattern would complement the All Age Worship on 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday mornings, and Hands Free Worship on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday evenings.
- (ii) Meals for new mums, etc had been referred to a few weeks ago, by a churchgoer. This had been a village, rather than a church, venture and was currently in abeyance. It was not possible at this time for us to re-instate it, as the team are already over-stretched. (For information.)
- (iii) Carols by Candlelight were discussed briefly, but dates would be decided later.

Pam closed the meeting with prayer at 9.40 pm.

**Dates of next meetings:**  
**CPCC Tuesday 3rd September 7.45pm in Harwell.**  
**PCC Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 7.45 pm in Harwell.**

.....Chairman

Carol Pigott  
Secretary