

Minutes of a Meeting of All Saints' Chilton PCC held on
Tuesday 7th January 2014 at 7.45pm at All Saints' Chilton

The Rector opened the meeting with a short reflection on Haggai Chapter 1, followed by a prayer. After items 1 and 2 were discussed together All Saints' PCC and St Matthew's PCC held separate meetings.

Present: Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey (Chairman items 1 – 8(iii))
 Revd Pam Rolls (Chairman items 8(iv) – 14)
 Mrs Helen Brook Mrs Naomi Gibson
 Mr Stuart Gibson Mr Andrew Hayes
 Mrs Lin Kerr Mrs Hazel King
 Mrs Liz Morris Mrs Ruth Poole
 Mrs Sylvie Thompson Mr Alex Reich
 Miss Avril Butler (temporary secretary standing in for Mrs Carol Pigott).

Apologies for Absence:

Apologies had been received from Mr Philip Garner, Mrs Carol Pigott and Mr John Pigott.

1. New Parish Share

The Deanery Synod has agreed the new 'equal share' proposal for parish share, as discussed at previous meetings.

The plan is for there to be a five year transition period before the new parish share arrangements are implemented in full. No benefice will have a year on year increase in parish share of more than 6% during this time. During the transition period, our benefice will be paying more than it would otherwise do under the new formula.

2. Medicine and Ministry

Jonathan Mobey explained that, if he is to keep up his medical registration, he needs to regularly practise medicine in order to pass the annual appraisal and the five year re-evaluation. If he does not do this, his registration will lapse. To re-register would then require a lot of work at a future date and might not be feasible. Thus far, he has been practising a little in his spare time for the Abingdon and the Bicester out-of-hours GP service. However, this is insufficient to maintain his registration in the longer term.

Jonathan has therefore been considering whether to let his medical registration lapse or not, and sensing that he should not, he is wanting to raise the issue.

Jonathan has discussed the matter with Revd Pam Rolls, the Churchwardens and Bishop Andrew to see how it might work if he were to increase his medical practice time to the equivalent of, say, 1 day per week, perhaps starting after Easter. They were supportive of this idea. Pam and the Churchwardens were, though, concerned to ensure that Jonathan has one full day off per week. Jonathan has now settled on Wednesday as his day off from now on.

Various members of the PCC made supportive comments.

Jonathan will raise the issue again in February, once people have had time to think about it further. Jonathan said that he did not intend to apply for any regular medical work in the meantime.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 1st October 2013 were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

- (i) Future of Chilton Evergreens (conclusion) Jonathan reported that a final Service of Celebration and Christmas Lunch had been held at which Mrs Audrey Slater and all previous leaders had been thanked. The group is now in abeyance but could spring back into life if needed. There is a small amount of money left in their funds and the Evergreens are planning what to do with this.

5. Carterton House Fund

Andrew had put together a very helpful paper outlining the history of the Carterton House Fund. The fund is made up of money from the proceeds of the sale of a property purchased to house a previous Rector in retirement. The initial amount invested was £38K and the fund now stands at £66K. Andrew explained that the Church is an old building which needs much doing to it to keep it in good repair and when works need to be done money has to be transferred from the General Fund. Andrew suggested capping the Carterton House Fund at £50K in a restricted fund and placing the balance of the fund (approximately 25%) plus any interest into another restricted fund for maintenance of the Church fabric.

The following points were made in the discussion which followed:

If some of the money from the Carterton House Fund is transferred into the Fabric Fund when the time comes to fund a major project using the Carterton House Fund the money will have devalued as less interest will have accrued.

Quotes should be obtained for major project before transferring any money so the PCC may consider how and from which fund they can be financed.

If money is transferred this will set a precedent and money may be frittered away on small items leaving less in future to fund major projects.

Money should be used for outreach. Our priority should be growing the church and making disciples.

Jonathan summed up the discussion by saying that the present PCC are not bound by agreements made by PCC members in the past but there appears to be no appetite to change things at present and proposed leaving the Carterton House Fund as a designated fund for specific major projects. 8 In favour; 1 Against; 1 Abstention.

6. Heating All Saints' Church

Sylvie reported that at a meeting held in the summer with Natalie Merry, secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches, Natalie had suggested seeking the Church Architect's advice regarding the appointment of an independent consultant to carry out a survey and report on the various options for heating the Church. The Church Architect, Philip Waddy, recommended CBG Consultants and at a meeting held in November the Heating Committee agreed to instruct CBG Consultants to carry out a survey and produce a report with recommendations including cost estimates. Sylvie reported that she had been informed that The Standing Committee had agreed to the payment of £600 should the Heating Committee decide to recommend engaging a consultant (though this understanding was contested).

The following questions were asked in the discussion which followed:

Have the PCCs of other churches that have installed underfloor heating been contacted to get their experience? Two churches have been contacted, a description of the type of heating installed has been received and the cost was approximately £50K.

Has environmentally friendly heating been considered? The consultant will look at all options.

Will the consultants be able to give an estimate of the running costs? The consultant will be asked to provide an approximate running cost.

In the course of the discussion, it was suggested that it would be good to regularly review our choice of Church Architect. Jonathan asked the Fabric Committee to look into this and to make a recommendation to the PCC.

Jonathan thanked Sylvie and the Heating Committee for all their work, they had been set a very challenging task and the aim was still to have the underfloor heating installed by next winter. Jonathan asked if PCC members approved the initial expenditure of £600 for the survey, as part of the project costs. All in favour.

7. Notice Board for Chilton Field

Jonathan reported that the notice board had been held up pending completion of a risk assessment. Andrew volunteered to check up on the progress of the notice board.

8. Committee Reports

(i) Finance and Budget for 2014 After some discussion acceptance of the 2014 budget was proposed by Stuart, seconded by Andrew and agreed unanimously. Jonathan thanked Stuart for all his hard work as treasurer.

(ii) Fabric Ray Cox is to be contacted to carry out some of the repair work highlighted in the 2011 Quinquennial Church Inspection Report once the winter frosts have gone. No further action can be taken on the boundary wall between Middle House and the Church at the moment as the property is currently advertised for sale. Drayton Construction were contacted to ask for their views on "Resin bonded scattered finish" and "Resin bound trowelled finish" and to provide a quotation for the "Resin bound trowelled finish" but they have not responded. They will be chased and further alternative quotes will be obtained although the exact specification will need to be ascertained before this can be done. A design and quotation of £500 for the new communion table has been received and a donation has been received to cover the full cost. Andrew proposed approving the expenditure, seconded by Liz and agreed unanimously. Jonathan asked Andrew to pass the PCCs thanks on to Dr John Berry and the rest of the Fabric Committee for all their hard work.

(iii) Youth Report There was nothing specific to report.

(iv) Pastoral Care Pam reported that a meeting of the Pastoral Care Team is to take place next week and asked the PCC to let her know of anyone who might like to be visited. Pam had recently carried out two home communion visits and would be visiting a young family who have recently moved into Chilton Field this week.

9. Christmas Review

There had been some problems with various aspects of the Toy Service and there had been some negative feedback. Donations of toys had been very generous. Thanks have been received from SeeSaw for the monetary donation collected at the Toy Service. Both the Carols by Candlelight Service and Christmas Eve Service had been well attended. It was suggested that the mulled wine served after the Carols by Candlelight Service could be served in glasses rather than plastic cups and mince pies could be served after the Christmas Eve Service and further thought would be given to this bearing in mind the logistics involved. The Connect Carol Service had gone well and was attended by many families from both Harwell and Chilton. The new banners had been admired but needed to be raised as they obscured the Christmas wreath and images projected on to the wall above the pulpit.

10. Future Dates

Saturday 25 th January 2014	PCC Away Day at Court Hill Centre, Wantage.
Monday 28 th April 2014	Chilton Annual Church Meetings.
Saturday 7 th June 2014	Chilton D-Day Commemoration.

The following points were raised in relation to the D-Day Commemoration:

Attempts should be made to get the involvement of the Harwell Campus in the D-Day Commemoration.

A treasure hunt could be organised as part of the D-Day Commemoration in order to link Chilton Field to the village and to the Church.

The Church tower could be open and a peal rung.

Mrs Kate Crennell had asked whether she should display her church records in the Church on the day of the event. It was suggested she speak to Bob Girling to get a stall.

11. Any Other Business and Correspondence

- (i) Letters of thanks have been sent to Mrs Lin Kerr and Mrs Judy Burbage for designing and making the new banners and piano cover; Mrs Rosemary Rolls for providing the Christmas tree for inside the Church; Chilton Garden Centre for providing the large Christmas tree for the Church tower; Mrs Chris Druce who has recently come off the cleaning rota after many years. Letters of thanks have been received from Revd Pam Rolls for the cheque from the joint budget; Mrs Carol Pigott for the gift token sent to her at Christmas; Mrs Audrey Slater for the basket of flowers presented to her at the Evergreens Service of Celebration.
- (ii) Liz said that as the Village Hall will be closed from 31st January the Parish Council have asked if the Church can be used to hold a public exhibition of the plans for the new Chilton Interchange at the end of January/beginning of February. This was agreed unanimously.

12. Closing Prayer.

Pam closed the meeting with prayer at 10.15pm.

Dates of next Meetings:

Tuesday 4th February 2014 Combined PCCs at 7.45pm in Harwell.

Tuesday 4th March 2014 All Saints' PCC at 7.45pm in Chilton.

.....Chairman

Avril Butler

Temporary Secretary standing in for Mrs Carol Pigott