

Minutes of a Meeting of All Saints' Chilton PCC  
Held on Tuesday 7th July 2015 at 7.30 pm at All Saints' Chilton

Present:

Rev Dr Jonathan Mobey (Chair for part)	Rev Pam Rolls
Mr James Hellem	Mrs Hazel King
Mrs Naomi Gibson	Mr Stuart Gibson
Mrs Sylvie Thompson	Mrs Helen Brook
Mrs Liz Morris (Chair from item 4)	Mrs Carol Pigott (Secretary)

1. Opening Prayer and Discussion with St Matthew's PCC

The Rector (Jonathan Mobey) read 1 Corinthians 3.

This passage starts with a warning from Paul about the tendency for divisions in the church and he urges us to have unity of purpose. This is something we on the PCCs should strive for in our current deliberations about various matters. This passage also goes on to say that ultimately it is the people who are God's temple and we are in the business of temple-building, or growing God's church.

The Rector then led the PCCs in prayer.

Items of joint business

Reducing the burden of PCC meetings

The Rector reiterated what had been agreed at the Combined PCC meeting in June.

He said that he had not yet talked with the churchwardens to agree what will be dealt with under the churchwardens' remit, but that he intends to do so.

Hazel King requested that, wherever possible, a paper is circulated in advance where there is information to absorb and reflect on, prior to being asked to make a decision at a PCC meeting.

At this point, the meeting divided into the individual PCCs

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Alex Reich, Carina Lobley, Jan Radford and John Pigott. Helen Brook would arrive late.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

These were accepted as a true record and duly signed.

5. Committee Reports

(ii) Fabric, Excluding Heating, was taken at this point.

PCC were very pleased to know that Mr Andrew Hayes had agreed to take over as chairman of the Fabric Committee. He had arranged for a new external tap, and keys to the vestry and kitchen (back) door have been changed.

PCC having previously agreed to the purchase of a shed from Marcham Plants, the fabric committee would now be asked to arrange for the old shed to be cleared and demolished, and the new one ordered. Hazel had dealt with Marcham Plants previously, and would be happy to help, by contacting them to order the shed, if requested.

Andrew had obtained a new quote from Drayton Construction, to cover the additional work (the path to garden of remembrance, the drainage system, and grassing the path to Middle House). Stuart Gibson had obtained a quote from Rhino Paths, which was comparable, indicating that the quote from Drayton was of reasonable magnitude. However, Drayton's quote was for paths with wooden edging, whilst Rhino's had block edging. He was also expecting to receive a third quote this week.

(Helen Brook arrived at this point)

There followed a lively discussion on the suitability of wooden or block edging, with the PCC settling on wood.  
Stuart agreed to ask Rhino to re-submit a quote for paths with wooden edging.

Funding could be provided by  
£10,000 in Path Fund  
£8,000 in Legacy Fund

A further £8,000 to £9,000 could be needed, which could be underwritten from church funds, although grants would be sought, and specific appeals made.

The following resolution was put to PCC:

That this PCC is resolved to apply for a faculty to transfer two ancient headstones at All Saints' Chilton to the south boundary wall, and to upgrade the paths in accordance with the itemised specification used to obtain the three quotes.

Proposed .... Mrs Naomi Gibson  
Seconded ... Rev Pam Rolls  
Passed ... unanimously.

PCC agreed that the Standing Committee should approve the contractor, once all three quotes had been obtained.

(The Rector left the meeting, and Liz Morris took the chair at this point)

#### 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

(i) Bell Ringing Simulator.

There had been no further progress on this. PCC agreed that it could be left for Carina to deal with, either obtaining grants, or accessing any bell funds that were available, as and when she was able.

(ii) Repositioning of noticeboard.

The parish Council noticeboard had been repositioned to the wall of the garage at the Rose and Crown. However, there was probably not enough space there for the church board as well. The Fabric Committee would be asked to take on the task of finding a suitable place for it. A suggestion was that it could be placed on legs, by the noticeboard at the bottom of Crafts' End.

(iii) Photos on noticeboard in church.

Lin Kerr had emailed Carol that she had photos of all PCC members, and would be dealing with this now.

#### 5. Committee Reports (continued)

(i) Finance

The Finance papers had been circulated, and there were no questions raised.

- All Saints' Missions Budget

The proposed budget had been circulated by Helen Brook, prior to the meeting. There were no questions.

Proposed ... Helen Brook, Seconded....Stuart Gibson, Accepted unanimously.

#### 6. Sunday Morning Provision for Children and Families

Helen had canvassed the parents of the children using the "families' area" of church. They were generally in favour of the arrangement, as it meant they were getting some involvement in church, rather than when taking the children out for the service. It could get quite crowded at special services, such as Father's Day. Hazel had received feedback from some of the child-free members of the congregation, some of whom thought the toys were quite noisy, three absolutely hated it, and some asked what input were the children getting on stories about Jesus.

Currently, the under-5s who attended Fledgelings on Wednesdays received teaching there; Y-club catered for 5 years old and upwards (some were 4) at Chilton School on

Thursdays. The Children's Church (at St Matthew's) would be launched in September, for 5 years old and upwards, on Sundays at 11.00am.  
Carol would pass on the comment regarding noisy toys.

8. Heating All Saints'

Sylvie Thompson had obtained 3 quotes for the underfloor heating project. However, two had not covered all the specifications requested, and costs for any of them would be upwards of £90,000 to £100,000. We have insufficient funds to underwrite such large amounts, and so PCC came to the conclusion that we should postpone this project until the path has been finished. It could be re-visited later, using the information already gathered by Sylvie.

PCC owed Sylvie a huge debt of thanks, for the immense task she had undertaken for us. It had not been at all easy.

9. Harvest and "Welcome" BBQ

As usual, money gifts would go to Tear Fund, and any food offerings that were appropriate would go to Didcot Food Bank. No-one felt able to organise a Harvest Tea this year, and so it was decided to organise a sale of the perishables, either after the morning service, or perhaps in the afternoon. The Rose and Crown car park might be a suitable venue.

It was decided not to hold a BBQ this year.

10. Future Dates

17th – 21st August	Holiday Club at Harwell
Tues 1st September	CPCC, 7.30 pm at Harwell
Sun 4th October	Harvest
Tues 6th October	Individual PCC, 7.30 pm at Harwell
Tues 3rd November	CPCC, 7.30 pm at Chilton.
Sun 13th December	Carol Services

11. Any Other Business

- (i) James Hellem apologised that he had been unable to progress further regarding the possible concert. His friend had had family problems. James could contact him again at a later date.
- (ii) The pews in the upper room need to be disposed of. Ideas?

(The Rector returned at this point, to take the last item)

7. Possible Changes to Service Pattern

The Rector had received the final few responses to the questionnaire that afternoon. Collating these had shown that, amongst other figures, responses were received from 57 individuals, and 83% of those who expressed a preference were in favour of the proposal to hold two services on a Sunday, one "traditional" in flavour, and one "Contemporary".

PCC discussed the logistics of having two services with a coffee-break between. Currently, the coffee time after the service allows for fellowship and pastoral care on a casual basis. There might be an adverse effect on this, if people decide to leave quickly, rather than get involved with the second service. Setting up the second service could also give people a feeling of "being in the way", while those attending the second service might not make the effort to arrive in time for the coffee, and the aim of this being a time for both groups to mix together might not be achieved.

There was a suggestion to have a BCP communion service on a weekday, as happens at Cherry Tree Court in Harwell, to replace the 8.00 am service.

Helen suggested Focus Groups could be arranged, for those who have indicated a preference, for each of the types of service. These could help people realise more precisely what the ideas of "traditional" or "contemporary" services mean. (eg some could think traditional means Holy Communion; others may have cloudy ideas of contemporary.)

It was envisaged to start the new pattern of services from early 2016. This should be reviewed after 6 months, with the possibility of reverting to the old pattern if needed.

It was agreed to hold focus groups in September; for the Leadership team to plan, organise resources and decide timings. The general population could be canvassed for their opinions via the broadsheet.

The Rector closed the meeting with the Grace at 10.10 pm.

Date of next meeting. Combined PCC Tuesday 1st September 2015 at 7.30 pm in Harwell

.....Chairman

Carol Pigott  
Secretary