

**Minutes of a Meeting of All Saints' Chilton PCC**  
**Held on Tuesday 3rd May 2016 at 7.30 pm at All Saints' Chilton**

**Present:**

Rev Dr Jonathan Mobey (Chair)	Rev Pam Rolls
Mr Alex Reich	Mr James Hellem
Dr Carina Lobley	Mrs Hazel King
Mrs Naomi Gibson	Mr Stuart Gibson
Mrs Sylvie Thompson	Mr John Pigott
Mr Steve Hale	Dr Phil Corbishley
Mrs Carol Pigott (Secretary)	

**1. Opening Prayer**

The Rector opened the meeting with a reading from Revelation 2v.1-7 The words to the church in Ephesus. We had done well at first, and should continue to strive to be a loving, growing, church. He then prayed for the Lord to guide us, and the meeting continued.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Apologies had been received from Liz Morris and Helen Brook.

**3. Welcome of New Members**

The Rector welcomed Steve and Phil to the PCC.

**4. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

These were accepted as a true record, and duly signed.

**5. Matters Arising from the Minutes**

- (i) The Queen's Birthday/Songs of Praise. There will be a marquee at Harwell Recreation ground for the Harwell Feast, and a Songs of Praise service will be held in it at 4.00 pm on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May. (For information – Judy and Norman Goodall are organising a Tea Party in Chilton on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2.00 to 4.00 pm. There will also be a wedding at All Saints' that day.)
- (ii) Garage Sale at 18 Latton Close, Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> May, from 10.00 am. 50% of proceeds to go to the church path fund.
- (iii) Children's provision during Church Services. From 15<sup>th</sup> May, there would be teaching in the upstairs room during part of the morning service, for those of the children who are starting to out-grow the crèche area in church. A rota of helpers was being drawn up, including Helen Brook, Laura Gibson, Sarah Barrett and Melanie Shields. Phil asked if Peter Shields (Children's and Families Worker) would be providing them with the resources and support they would need. The pews that had been in the upper room were now being stored in the new shed. James had been asked about pews for sale, by a friend. Pam reminded PCC that a faculty would be need to dispose of furniture, but no one present objected to their sale. James was asked to consult with his friend, and if the friend is still interested to discuss further with the Rector and Churchwardens in order to apply for a Faculty.
- (iv) "Fresh Expressions" of Church. This is a benefice activity, and was still at a planning stage, with a launch date yet to be set. However, the "Easter Fiesta" event had been held in Chilton Community Room on the afternoon of Easter Sunday, and had been well attended. (See below – Easter review)

**6. Election of Officers**

- (i) Vice Chairman..... Liz Morris.
- (ii) Treasurer..... Stuart Gibson.
- (iii) Secretary..... Carol Pigott.

All the above were prepared to continue.

Proposed John Pigott, seconded Hazel King, and accepted unanimously.

## 7. Election of Committees

- (i) Finance Committee, currently Clergy, Churchwardens and Treasurer.  
Proposed the Rector, seconded John Pigott, and accepted unanimously.
- (ii) Chair of Fabric Committee, currently Andrew Hayes.  
Proposed Carol Pigott, seconded Alex Reich, and accepted unanimously.

## 1. Election of PCC Representatives

- (i) Village Hall Management Committee..... Alex Reich  
Proposed Steve Hale, seconded John Pigott, and accepted unanimously.
- (ii) Stewardship/Gift Aid Secretary..... Treasurer  
Stuart (current treasurer) and PCC as a whole, agreed that these roles should come within the responsibilities of the Treasurer. They could be delegated by the Treasurer to an assistant if necessary.
- (iii) Electoral Roll Officer..... Gordon Cowan  
PCC were in favour of Gordon continuing as Electoral Roll Officer, and Naomi would check that he was happy to do so. The Rector and Secretary both agreed that he is superb in this role, which he has held for many years.
- (iv) Steve Hale and Phil Corbishley were elected unanimously to the list of sidesmen

## 9. Appointment of People for Tasks

The list had been produced for information/confirmation of agreement to continue.

Naomi would ask Melanie Shields if she would be prepared to take on Baptism Follow-up. This had been under "Fledgelings", but PCC felt this important role would be more safely undertaken by a person, than a group.

James Hellem had recently agreed to take on the new position of Health and Safety Officer, but would shortly be moving away. Alex would approach a member of the congregation about taking this over. Hazel Connelly holds this position at St Matthew's, and could perhaps liaise with the All Saints' person. The list was unanimously accepted, with these minor changes.

## 10. Committee Reports

- (i) Finance Stuart Gibson reported that the accounts were healthy, although no joint costs had yet been paid, nor Charities and Missions. Stuart had been able to claim Gift Aid on the Fledgelings donations, as this was held in a public building. Regular pledges were currently covering the funding for the CFW, with £5,000 in addition. There was the possibility of a substantial contribution to the Path Fund (still considerably in deficit). Although PCC had approved a deficit budget in January, there was no need to cut expenditure at this point in the year. The Rector thanked Stuart for all his hard work on our Accounts, and also gave thanks to God for the encouraging situation.
- (ii) Fabric Andrew Hayes had provided his "Fabric Snapshot", with Addendum, which had been circulated. The Rail at Chancel Step, and re-positioning of noticeboard, were in hand. Stuart said that the Peal Board was in progress, and should be in position within a year. Our heating system continued to be monitored.  
The Rector commented that Tony Hughes was investigating heating options for St Matthew's and had come across a relatively new, electrical heating system developed by the Christopher Dunphy Ecclesiastical heating company. The Rector wondered whether this might be suitable for All Saints'.

Andrew had mentioned the condition of West House boundary wall, which is deteriorating, by the Garden of Remembrance. Phil Corbishley asked if there was any legal precedent on ownership of boundary walls. Further advice would be sought.

#### **11. Review of Bell-ringing Policy**

The current Bell-ringing Policy had been produced in 2012, following the installation of the sound control. Up to 6 full peals (lasting 2hrs 50 mins) allowed a year, with up to 2 other ringing events per month, in addition to the normal Sundays, weddings and funerals, and practice nights. The sound control should be in use for events other than for Sunday and other services.

A parishioner had asked why 2 peals had been rung within 8 days.

Mrs Kate Crennell had asked for PCC to discuss the possibility of re-defining a "peal" to be any ringing event expected to last more than 1 ½ hours, and to decide the maximum number of these "peals" to be allowed per year.

The Rector pointed out the need to balance making good use of the bells, after so much time, effort, and money had gone into the restoration of the tower, in order for ringing to recommence, and our "good-neighbourliness".

In order that a sensible, considered, solution should be reached, Carina was asked to draft new Ringing Allowances, which Stuart would review and amend as necessary. The new proposal would be for PCC to consider at the next meeting, in July.

#### **12. Review of Easter**

Maundy Thursday service had been at St Matthew's. The Good Friday procession from Chilton Field had been well supported, and photos of this had gone into the broadsheet. The Rector thanked Pam for organising this again, it was good to be praying round the village; and also Alex, for the good service "At the Cross" at All Saints', which followed the procession. The Vigil Service on Easter Eve had been well received, with a bigger congregation, including 2 children. On Easter Day the 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion had been well attended, and the 9.30 service had also had a big congregation, with many visitors. The Celebration Choir had been much appreciated at St Matthew's, and it was suggested that it would be good if this could also come to All Saints' some time. Recently the Benefice Brass group had joined a morning service at Chilton, and All Saints' would shortly join Harwell for the Songs of Praise at Harwell Feast.

The Easter Trails, organised around both parishes, had been well supported, with each school producing the Art Works along the trails.

The Easter Fiesta, in the Community Room on Easter Day had been attended by about 60. Phil remarked that it was good that such a number made the venue look comfortably full. In future, it might be a good idea to borrow the marquee from Harwell Scouts, which would take about 100 occupants, if it was felt the room could become too crowded.

#### **13. Review of PCC Awayday**

There were no urgent matters arising from the Awayday. This would be considered more fully at the CPCC in June.

#### **14. Future Dates**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May, 4.00 p.m. Songs of Praise, Harwell Recreation Ground

20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> June, Prayer Spaces, at Chilton School, 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> June at Harwell School

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June, 7.30 p.m. Combined PCC at All Saints'

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, 7.30.p.m. Individual PCCs at All Saints'

Additionally, Pam would be going to Hook Court, in Devon with years 3 and 4 from Chilton School for a 3-day stay, learning about the Romans.

Stuart gave notice of three bell ringing events. A peal attempt on Thursday 5th May from 3.00 p.m., one on 9<sup>th</sup> June dedicated to the Queen, and another one in July.

**15. Any Other Business**

- (i) Deputy Safeguarding Officer Judith Gold was prepared to take on this duty, needing to be approved at the CPCC in June.
- (ii) Uganda Stuart passed on information from Helen Brook, that Yvonne Sanderson was aiming to go to Uganda again, as she had done last year. PCC were happy to promote her fund-raising activities in the broadsheet, etc.
- (iii) Chairs for the Less-mobile Steve asked if it would be possible to have a couple of comfortable chairs, with higher seat and arms, for older members of the congregation who found lower seating difficult. The Rector suggested St Matthew's might be able to lend 2 or 3 for a trial. Steve would investigate this possibility, or alternatively charity or mobility shops. PCC agreed to such a trial which would necessitate moving a pew and would require permission of the Archdeacon.
- (iv) Projector and Sound System Phil asked if we should be making more use of the projector. James said it might be best to have 2 people at the sound desk, one for the sound, and the other to work the laptop. Operators would need more training in the use of videos or power point, and there should be liaison with the service leader, who was responsible for ensuring, along with service sheets, that the projection schedule was organised. Vicky would need to put the service on for projection, but it should be possible to have both the songs and liturgy projected each week. It might be possible for the bell-ringers to switch on the power for the nave projector before they start to ring. PCC agreed with the principle of aiming to project every Sunday if previously-experienced technical problems could be resolved. Carol had problems when serving as sidesman at 8.00 communion, when transmission from the chancel would often be spasmodic. Members of the congregation had asked if a microphone could be placed on the communion table, instead of being worn by the person officiating. Stuart said this problem could be solved by placing the receiver on the ledge of the balcony. Carol would try to remember to do this.

**16. Closing prayer**

The Rector closed the meeting with prayer at 10.00 pm.

**Date of next meeting. Combined PCC Tuesday 7th June 2016 at 7.30 pm in Chilton**

.....Chairman

Secretary