

**Minutes of a Meeting of Harwell PCC**  
held on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2010 at 9:10 pm in All Saint's Church, Chilton.

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**Present**

James Scott Cockburn	Tony Hughes	Jonathan Wood
Kate Evans	Allan Macarthur	(Minutes were taken by Martin Speed)
Sid Gale	Tim Roberts (Chair)	
Gordon Gill	Roz Shipp	
Georgina Greer	Steve Tunstall	

**1. Opening and prayer**

Kate Evans opened the meeting with prayer.

**2. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Mel Gibson, Vicky Macarthur, and Jane Woolley – and also from Chris Stott who chaired the Chilton PCC meeting which took place at the same time.

**3. Minutes of the last meetings**

The minutes of the PCC meeting on 11th May 2010 were amended to include the complete list of the ministry team members and then were signed as a correct record.

**4. Matters arising**

- a) **The Leaflet describing the various roles/ groups (Update):** It was reported that Matt Webb had obtained sponsorship from a local company (although LOUD who he approached first had not been able to help). The standing committee had signed off the project and the leaflet has been put into production.
- b) **Harwell Feast:** Jane Woolley reported that 5 shift leaders and 35 volunteers had contributed (representing a 100% 'turn out') and that the stall had been very successful – selling out completely. Jane Woolley reported that it had been suggested that next year the queuing system could be improved to separate the pig roast queue from the burger and hot dog queue. Jane Woolley said that she would welcome any other comments from the PCC or others.

**5. Financial report**

Jonathan Wood asked the meeting to note the financial report that had been circulated and invited questions. There were none.

**6. Buildings report**

The report of the Buildings Committee was noted.

Tony Hughes added two further points:

- The adjustment to the shutter on the new blower box had now been completed.

- The note about the removal of additional pews to create more 'family spaces' had been put in the notice sheet. There had only been one comment and that had been supportive, so the trial would go ahead.

## 7. Issues dealt with by the Standing Committee

Three issues which had been dealt with by the Standing Committee were reported:

- The Church Leaflet had been agreed (as reported earlier in the meeting.)
- A donation of £200 had been made to the West Africa Food Crisis.
- A donation of £25 had been made to the fund for Bishop ~~Steve's~~ leaving present.

## 8. Other Business

a. **Appointment of the new rector:** A number of points related to the appointment were discussed:

- Discussion took place regarding the appointment of the **two PCC representatives**. It was noted that they would have to be chosen by October and there was debate about how much of that discussion should be addressed immediately. It was noted:
  - The representatives were not 'delegates' who were expected to confer with their PCC during the process in order to represent the majority view – they were representatives who once appointed made their own decision and were not supposed to discuss details of candidates with the PCC.
  - Representatives could be chosen by secret ballot.
  - The representatives were able to veto any proposal from the Patrons.
- The PCC as a whole could influence the decision in respect of the **appointment of a woman**: first by deciding whether a vote on the issue was needed, and if it was by agreeing or rejecting to specifically worded resolutions, one about accepting a woman as incumbent, and about accepting a woman who presides at Holy Communion as part of the ministry team.

It was thought that the representatives could probably be decided after the advertisement had been placed, so the actions decided upon were:

**Actions:** *Mel Gibson to plan for a vote on representatives in November*  
*Mel Gibson to put a discussion about women incumbents onto the November agenda (which would mean that the wider congregation could see it was to take place and talk to PCC members if they wanted.)*

- Tony Hughes reported that his reading of the requirements for the appointment suggested that it was **possible that a specific PCC meeting needs to be held** within a specific timescale. Papers had gone to the PCC secretary from the Registrar that may shed light on this, and the issue would be taken up with Mel Gibson when he returned.

**Action:** *Tim Roberts to draw Mel Gibson's attention to this.*

- The **appointment would be for five years** but can be continued. (This is the new 'standard' appointment replacing the more open-ended appointment that Chris Stott had been given). As a result of this there would not be any question of a 'suspended' post. This may otherwise have been a requirement of the Diocese in order that plans to reduce the number of stipendiary clergy in the Deanery would not be made more difficult by the appointment.

- b. **Raising money for 'My Street Corner'**: Jane Woolley reminded the meeting of the commitment to raise a thousand pounds for the 'My Street Corner' project. It was agreed that this would be low key representing a notice in the notice sheet supported by drawing the attention of the congregation to the notice.
- c. **Little Pippins use of the Church Hall**: It was noted that the new building for Little Pippins would not be ready on time because tender problems. Little Pippins would therefore like to extend their use of the hall beyond the summer – at least until half term, but probably up to Christmas.

It was reported that Chris Stott would ask the Evergreens about arrangements that could suit them during the winter months. It was noted that Little Pippins may find it more difficult to walk from the British Legion hall to the Church hall in the less good weather and that arrangements for Fledglings may need to be looked at.

The Chairman asked the PCC to confirm that, subject to satisfactory arrangements being made with Evergreens and Fledglings, they were happy for the Little Pippins to continue to use the Church Hall. This agreement was formally recorded.

<b>Resolution</b>	That Little Pippins continue to use the Church hall subject to satisfactory arrangements being put in place for Fledglings and Evergreens.				
<b>Moved</b>	Scott Cockburn	<b>Seconded</b>	Jonathan Wood	<b>Passed</b>	Unanimously

**9. Close**

The meeting closed at 21:50.

**10. Next Meeting**

The next *Harwell PCC meeting* will be on **Tuesday 21st September 2010** at 7.45pm in St Matthew's Harwell.

These minutes were signed as a true record by:

  
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Chris Stott, Chairman

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Secretary

On ..... (Date)