

Minutes of a Meeting of Harwell PCC
held on Tuesday 6th March 2012 at 9:15 pm in St Matthew's Church, Harwell

Present

Mel Gibson (Secretary)	Tony Hughes	Sid Gale
Gordon Gill	Jonathan Mobey (Chair)	
Georgina Greer	Jane Woolley	
Liz Roberts	Roz Shipp	

1. Opening

Prayers had already been said at the combined meeting, therefore the Chairman continued with the Agenda items.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from James Scott Cockburn, Nicholas Milrose, Sarah Milrose, Jonathan Wood, Tim Roberts, Kate Evans and Allan Macarthur.

3. Minutes of the last meetings

The minutes of the PCC meeting on 24th January 2012 were signed as a correct record.

4. Matters arising

- a) **Church Hall Update** In the absence of Tim Roberts, Roz Shipp gave the report. There have been four children's birthday parties since the last PCC meeting and another two were booked. There has been an approach from a person in Wantage to hold elderly persons keep fit sessions after the Easter weekend and it would be held on a lunch time. Ann Gill and Wendy Sinclair will be away at the same time this month and therefore Roz Shipp has agreed to look after the key and the bookings. A cleaner has been appointed for two hours /week on a Wednesday and he works with Roz Shipp. A "Conditions of Use" for the Church Hall is required from the Church Hall Working Group and Roz Shipp said that there had not been a Working Group meeting for a few weeks because of Tim Robert's work commitment, but they should be meeting soon. The Scouts had booked the hall for two sleepovers after completing cycle rides. The new church website should soon be available for church hall bookings.
- b) **Annual Report** The Secretary presented the Annual Report for approval by the PCC. The Annual Report had already been circulated for comments and these had been added to the report. The PCC agreed that the Chairman, Jonathan Mobey should sign the report and this would be signed after the Secretary and Sid Gale carried out some final tweaking but the report content would remain the same.
- c) **Outreach Activity** Liz Roberts had already circulated a paper outlining her proposals for the clothing sale(s) in St. Matthew's Church Hall. It was a way for the Harwell community and villages beyond to meet people and for them to feel that they are being cared for. **But it requires people to support it.** Liz Roberts said that she would put the proposal on hold until the new PCC were in post after the APCM but it would require about 16 people to carry out the arranging etc. Gordon Gill said that Prospects is planning to set up a Charity Shop in Reading this coming June and they could help support it, especially with clothes. It was agreed that we would try to have the first clothing sale in September, subject to the agreement of the new PCC.

5. Buildings Committee Report. Tony Hughes presented the report for noting.

In addition he reported that some members of the Buildings Committee have been looking at the details of carrying out the next phase of the internal decoration and the different options available depending upon the finance available.. Gordon Gill said that Mel Gibson and he had attended an event for PCC members called "Confidence in Discipleship" at The Manor Preparatory School, Abingdon. One of the themes was the PCC having more of a Christian attitude within the PCC and we were asked how many times the PCC prayed for Spiritual Guidance within the PCC meetings. Decorating the inside of the Church would be classed as cosmetic and the PCC needed to get a balance with spiritual and non spiritual things. There was some discussion on this issue. The Buildings Committee will continue to look at the options and is mindful of keeping expenditure on maintaining the church in good order in balance with other priorities.

Georgina Greer noted that the Buildings Committee through Mel Gibson, were monitoring electrical usage and one way that we might reduce our electrical usage was for the Harwell Young Singers to practice in the church extension on a Thursday evening instead of in the church, which was expensive to light and heat. It was considered that this might be problematic for various reasons.

6. Finance Report

The Finance Report had been issued before the meeting and in the absence of Jonathan Wood for questions, the report was noted. There had been a donation of £1000 from the relatives of Geoff Jenkinson and this might be used to buy two chairs for the church with a plaque on each chair bearing the names of Geoff and his wife Mary. Jonathan Mobey would contact Geoff Jenkinson's daughter to see what the remaining money should be spent on.

7. Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

The Secretary asked the PCC what time the Annual Parochial Church Meeting should start on the 18th April 2012. It was decided to start the meeting at 7.45pm with refreshments being served from 7.30pm. Georgina Greer volunteered to serve the refreshments.

The Secretary said that Harwell PCC members were nominated and elected on a yearly basis, whereas Chilton were elected on a 3 yearly basis with 3 members retiring each year. All the handbooks on PCC membership stipulate 3 year membership and if we change our membership to 3 years it has to be decided at the APCM to commence the following year. It was decided to put it on the Agenda for discussion at the APCM on the 18th April 2012. The following PCC members have decided not to stand for re-election this year: Jonathan Wood, Sid Gale, Tim Roberts, Sarah Milrose, Nicholas Milrose.

Allan Macarthur is standing down from Churchwarden having completed 6 years and therefore there is a vacancy for Churchwarden. It was decided that there should be a recruitment campaign for the vacancies at one of the church services to create interest.

There will be no Deanery Synod vacancies this year as the present members do not retire until 2014. Tony Hughes said that if anybody else was interested in standing he would stand down as he had been unable to attend any of the meetings over the last year. He was elected last year as it was felt that there should be a Churchwarden on the Deanery Synod.

The organisations to be asked to give reports to the APCM were:

The Orchestra, Youth Fellowship and Ladies Group.

8. Items Dealt with by the Standing Committee There were no items.

9. Any other business. There were no items to discuss.

10. Close Jonathan Mobey closed the meeting with prayer and the meeting finished at 10.35pm.

11. Next Meeting

The next Harwell PCC meeting will be held on Tuesday 8th May 2012 at 7.45pm in St. Matthew's Church, Harwell.

SignedChairman Date.....

Signed.....Secretary Date.....