

St Peter & St Paul, Bleadon
P.C.C. Minutes of Meeting 13th February 2017
held at 2.00pm in the Church Rooms

Present: Tim Erridge (Chairman) George Scott (Churchwarden), Kevin Joint (Treasurer) Sheila Westwood (Secretary), Mary Hollis, Alec Hollis, David Lees, Sara Osborne, Jill Smith Gill Williams.

Meeting commenced with Tim reading a passage from Deuteronomy 30v15.

1. Apologies

Apologies received from Pat Davies and Vicky Tyler

2. Acceptance of Minutes of 9th Jan 2017

Two amendments were made to minutes 5a. Deanery Synod, was altered to read Archdeacon not Archbishop. 7. Churchwardens' Report was altered to read Chancel not Nave. **Proposal to accept minutes made by George seconded Gill. Minutes were signed by Chairman.**

3. Matters Arising

Summary for publication. Secretary had received an e-mail from Cllr I D Clarke stating she required all back copies of previous minutes. Discussion took place. Gill Williams stated the single item agendas of 5.7.16 and 11.11.16 were confidential and not for publication this was seconded by George all in agreement. It was sanctioned that the rest of minutes may be supplied with confidential items removed. It was decided minutes in future once agreed by P.C.C, to be put up in the church and on our website any confidential items will be excluded and the summary is no longer required.

“Out to Lunch” some dates to be re-arranged

Sunday “Tea Time Together” has been encouraging.

Angela Hoare, Methodist Minister, approval has been granted to celebrate Ash Wednesday in Bleadon church. **Confidential item removed.**

Merrick Smith, newly retired Pastor will lead worship in future in place of Richard Allen who is indisposed.

4. Holy Week & Easter

St Andrews Bournville invite us to their fish n chip supper details in church.

Lent Course, Middle session to happen at Weston Hospice. Two lent courses are hoped to be run, one on Monday evening and one on Tuesday afternoon.

Mothering Sunday will be on 26.3.17. Tim will be at St Andrews, Bournville. Reverend Ann Ogram, will be at Bleadon. We hope to have a Donkey for the afternoon on Palm Sunday at “Sunday Tea Time” in the Youth Club at 4.00pm and there will be an am Eucharist Service. An informal Service will be held, 23.4.17. 30.4.17 will be Family Eucharistic Service.

Compline nights to be reviewed. 13.4.17, Maundy Service, 7.30pm. Good Friday, Tim is at Bournville am service. 11.30am, tea coffee/packed lunch, walk to St Andrews, Bournville, arrive before 2.00pm. Take some cars to Bournville first for return journey.

Holy Saturday Vigil, building an Easter Garden was 8.00pm last year, to finalise at Worship Planning Group 21.2.17.

Oil Service at Wells was discussed and it was decided to have lunch also.

There may be two children baptised on Easter Sunday. Renewal Baptismal vows at reflective evening service.

5. APCM

APCM will be 24th April 2017 in Church Rooms at 7.30pm. Report and accounts to be presented 3rd April 2017 to PCC for approval. Reports are requested to reach Secretary by 17th March 2017.

Buildings, H&S and Safeguarding reports to be presented for APCM.

6. Treasurers Report

Treasurer's report was tabled (see attached).

7. Churchwardens' Report

Jill proposed a further churchyard tidy on east end was needed, this was agreed to be 4th March 2017 at 10.00am.

George relayed a gap in the south chancel windows had been sealed. A discussion took place re how cold it had been in church over the last few weeks. Two of the heaters front of nave north side are broken. An estimate from Kubix electricians had been received for £228.00. **Gill proposed to accept this quote for new heaters seconded by Jill all in agreement. David Lees to action.**

George had received a letter from DAC re Statements of Significance and Need this will be looked at the meeting on 24th Feb 2017, 2.00pm at the Rectory.

Quinquennial Report had been received and will be examined at next S.C. meeting 21st Feb 2017, 12noon at Abington.

8. Stewardship

To be discussed further at the next S.C meeting.

9. Health & Safety

Fire C2 mostly done, with some slight tweaking. More to be done later.

Bells

Agreed use of bells with Peter Maffey.

Belfry gate – new padlock with a SINGLE key which MUST be locked when the bells are left UP

Ringling room – door does not have a lock. Lock required to prevent unauthorised access

Belfry gate – needs rehangng to prevent access under the gate

Fire connected with bells and tower upper levels

Tower vice gate has open slats to allow air flow to counter condensation to belfry – Tower vice door from vestry needs smoke strip to block smoke egress to the vice stair which is the only exit

from the upper stages of the tower. Vice would act like a chimney in a fire in the vestry (a hot spot result like Windsor castle fire). **£100 expenses were agreed by everyone to pay for Tower work to bring up to H & S standard.**

May Day Fayre

David Lees attended Friends meeting to get information. Youth Club do not have any insurance for an event such as this so all their input will be as volunteers on the church insurance. Much useful input from Keith Pyke and he **MUST** be kept on board as a main player and essential link to Youth Club volunteers. Main areas of concern to be addressed are:

Catering outside – not so much the cooking but the storage of raw materials and cooked food.

Bouncy castles – covered by very specific instructions in the H&S guidance notes from Ecclesiastical and **MUST** be strictly adhered to.

There will be rules, similar to WI, for manufactured food sold on produce stall. Most cakes etc. will be ok provided conditions are met but there are some high risk products **NOT** allowed without a specific risk assessment to cover (actually better not done as storage will be an issue particularly on a warm sunny day and food kept outside). I have sent Keith copies of work done so far and I await his response. H&S **Must** be an agenda item at ALL Friends meetings.

Electricity

Started to pull together section D with the schedules referred to in various sections of section C. With the help of Reyn have done the portable electrical equipment (anything that plugs in to a socket) and hazardous materials. PAT testing evidence last done in Parish Rooms in 2010 and I can find no evidence that it has ever been done in church. **Must** be done every 2 years under our H&S policy. Ecclesiastical suggest yearly but PCC has agreed 2 years would be OK but it **MUST** be done without fail.

Accident Books

Confidential item deleted

Appears to be an exercise book in Parish Room incorporating attendance bookings last entry 2010. Exercise book also in church. Needs a proper book and reporting system. David supplied new accident books for church and church rooms as the present books were not satisfactory.

Brian Robinson has agreed a text to cover Clock and Flags. A copy of this to be sent to Parish Council as his employer. Tower tours existing assessment required.

Tim to send the last Tower Tours report to David

10. Safeguarding

Jill's Photograph will be put up in church as she is Safeguarding Offer.

11. Other Reports:

a) Friends

Mary relayed that Liz Scarisbrooke had stood down as Chair, the new Chair is George Scott. Mary will still be the contact point. (See Friends report attached.)

b) Choir

Choir are practising for Women's World day of Prayer which is on 3rd March 2017.

c) Deanery Synod

The meeting was Wednesday 8th Feb 2017. The Chair proposed that £25.00 to be given to Deanery Funds. **All in agreement.**

Deanery Synod Report

This was the final meeting of the 3yrs Synod held at St Andrews, Bournville. Meeting was well attended with all but one of the churches in the Deanery represented. It was agreed the Laity led service of light the previous Sunday had been successful and would be repeated.

Item one was a request from Mike Tedstone for comments on the last 3yrs. I requested an explanation on the role of the Synod in the life of a Parish as I felt the Synod was regarded in a negative light. I was assured by the Rural Dean that this might have been so in the past but this issue was being addressed.

The main item on the agenda was the topic of Human Sexuality in the Church of England. Very topical as the general C of E Synod will be debating this issue this week. The speaker was very good painting all the issues fairly and without personal prejudice. A lively question and answer session followed and it was clear Deanery views represented the whole spectrum of views from far right conservatism to a small few left liberalism. It remains to be seen what the General Synod comes up with especially now there is the very public response from the 12 retired Bishops led by Worcester so prominent in the press at the weekend.

It was my first experience of a Deanery Synod meeting and I enjoyed it so much I am very willing to continue the post in the next three years if you wish.

Gill Williams

d) Coronation Hall

Alec read attached report.

e) Standing Committee

PCC agenda was formulated at meeting.

12. Correspondence

Correspondence from Deanery Synod received with list of parochial entitlements to numbers of lay representatives and applicants forms.

13. Any Other Business

No other Business

The Lord's Prayer and Grace were said together

Meeting ended at 5.00pm