



Minutes of the Parochial Church Council meeting of St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley with Gussage St Andrew.

Date: 12th January 2011

Venue: The Vicarage

Chair: Rev Mel Durrant

Started: 7:35pm

Ended: 9:10pm

Present:

Mrs Naomi Booth	Rev Paul Skinner
Mr Ted Cox	Mrs Christine Warner
Mr John Cullingford ¹	Mr Mark Wolstenholme (Secretary)
Mr John Davis	
Rev Mel Durrant	
Mr Richard Ironside (Treasurer)	
Mrs Jackie Molnar	
Mr David Salmons ²	

Apologies for absence:

Mrs Bobby Carter
Mr Mike Carter
Miss Carole Wyatt (Churchwarden)

- 1 Licensed Lay Minister
2 Diocesan representative

Summary of meeting:

- [43] • Welcome, reading from Psalm 105 and prayer
- [44] • Minutes of last meeting - approved with one minor change
- [45] • Matters arising
- (a) Resolution for faculty on St Andrew's work – passed
 - (b) Resolution to increase limit on funding for St Andrew's work - passed
 - (c) Thanks to members for recent work
 - (d) Decision on material for St Mary's roof repair - steel
 - (e) Approval for John C to continue with temporary roof repairs
 - (f) Bank account signatories – in hand, two still being processed
 - (g) Annual Parochial Church Meeting – vacancies
- [46] Women Bishops – no objections from the PCC
- [47] Finance – current position and final accounts progressing well
- [48] Vision – service times and the importance of music discussed
- [49] Any Other Business – none
- [50] Date of next meeting – Wednesday 2nd March 2011

[43] Welcome

Mel welcomed everyone and began the meeting with a reading from Psalm 105 v1-9 and a prayer.

[44] Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of 8th December 2010 were approved and signed with minor alterations to [38] to change comment about the contingency fund to "re-established". The Christmas Fayre was discussed further.

My Notes:

[44] Minutes of last meeting (continued)

[39a] – The Dorset Historic Churches Trust has been approached about changing the remainder of our loan to a grant.

[39b] – The Diocesan Share has been paid in full. There was no need to draw from our contingency funds.

[45] Matters arising

a) The electrical work at Gussage St Andrew can go ahead once the approval of the faculty has been received. Upgraded electrical cable has been specified. The final cost will be £11-12,000 for which we have funds for. VAT refunds and limitations was discussed.

The Parochial Church Council of the parish of St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley, with Gussage St Andrew at its meeting held on 12th January 2011 passed the following resolution; that the council authorises the incumbent and churchwarden to petition for a faculty for;

- i) conservation of the medieval wall paintings in the St Andrew's Chapel.
- ii) renewal of electrics, provision of new under pew heating and lighting in the St Andrew's Chapel.

Proposed by John Davis, seconded by John Cullingford. Resolution was passed unanimously by those present and voting.

I certify that this is a correct copy of the entry in the minutes of the PCC.

Signed..........(Secretary of the PCC)

b) Resolution to increase the limit on expenditure for the conservation and electrical work at St Andrew's from £10,000 to £12,000 to cover the higher specification required by the DAC for the electrical wiring. Proposed by John Davis, seconded by John Cullingford. Resolution was passed unanimously by those present and voting.

c) The PCC thanked Margaret, Shiela, Rita and Chris for their recent hard work.

d) St Mary's roof – quotes have been received for the permanent repairs to the north valley after the theft of lead in October 2010. The two options are to repair with lead or with stainless steel. The steel option works out at about £1,000 more but greatly reduces the risk of further theft. The two materials have similar lifespans. The expected cost will be in the region of £10,000. About £5,000 is expected from the insurance claim.

Resolution to use stainless steel in the permanent repair of the north valley. Proposed by Paul S, seconded by John C. Passed by all.

My Notes:

[45] Matters arising (continued)

e) Temporary roof repairs – the options for a longer lasting temporary repair to the north valley was discussed. John C offered to double-lay roofing felt which would see us through for minimal cost.

f) Bank account signatories – in hand. Ricky and Paul are still waiting for the bank to process their paperwork.

g) Annual Parochial Church Meeting – vacancies were discussed and included; churchwarden, electoral roll officer, deputy treasurer, two PCC members, secretary, deanery synod and gift aid secretary.

[46] Women Bishops

The meeting reviewed where the wider church is and where we are with this issue. The feeling of the meeting was that it was a bit of a non-issue and wondered what the problem was! In conclusion the PCC were happy to feed back that they had no objections to women bishops being elected.

[47] Finance

Our income over expenditure at the present moment is £752.29. This is as a result of a tax refund of just over £500. Completion of the accounts is progressing well.

[48] Vision

Mel explained that this was a continuation of a discussion that was begun at the recent awayday and that this would just be a start to our discussions on the vision for St Mary's. We needed to find what we can do within the limited resources we have.

David raised his concern that not enough time had been allowed to think and pray about this aspect of parish life. More advance notice would have been helpful and would have given more chance for ideas and viewpoints from the membership.

Mel encouraged discussion of "positives". The discussion looked at service times and order, the importance of music and the choir. Other positives included how good the churchyard is looking and the new outside light.

The next meeting will be an "audit"; looking at what we've achieved in the last four years and then to look forward and decide what our goals should be in the next five years.

[49] Any Other Business – none**[50] Date of next meeting**

Wednesday 2nd March 2011 at 7.30pm at the Vicarage.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer.

My Notes: