

**MEETING OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
ST MARY'S, SIXPENNY HANDLEY WITH GUSSAGE ST ANDREW
30TH MAY 2012, 7:30PM, THE VICARAGE**

PCC Members Present:	Chair – Rev Mel Durrant (MD)		
Paul Bishop (PB),	Naomi Booth (NB),	Clair Brown (CB),	Mike Carter (MC),
Ted Cox (TC),	John Cullingford (JC),	Peter Goldstone (PG),	Ricky Ironside (RI),
Maureen Penrose (MP),	Paul Skinner (PS),	Stella Symes (SS)	Carole Wyatt (CW),

Apologies: David Salmons (DS), Jackie Molnar (JM)

(62) Welcome and opening prayer

MD welcomed members to the meeting and opened with a reading from Psalm 84 followed by a prayer.

(63) Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2012

Minutes to this meeting were read with corrections and will be approved at the next AGM.

(64) Matters Arising not on the Agenda

Lay Vice Chair

Lay Vice Chair: would like to appoint a Lay Vice Chair at next meeting.

(65) Worship, Ministry and Mission

Evening Service Format

It was agreed to keep as always Evensong.

Proposed NB 2nd MP and passed unanimously.

Lee Abbey, North Devon

MD suggested a possible weekend away for the Benefice in the autumn or spring and circulated literature for the retreat.

Feedback on Services

Suggestions in a wide-ranging conversation included

- Pentecost
 - Combine service
 - Make more of DS birthday cake
 - Anoint everyone
 - Use candles

- Ascension Day
 - Choir sing from the top of the tower!

- Rogation Sunday
(Easter 5)
 - Beat the Bounds Picnic walk.
To be considered for next year (May 2013?).

(66) Financial Report

RI circulated figures showing the Church accounts up to the end of April 2012. A summary of the Payments and Income to the account where shown with a breakdown under headings.

Reserves and Projects – St Mary's Reordering Phase 2 – Restricted: has been removed.

Churchyard clearing for extension: some monies left over (£534) and could be used for a new gate at the access to the campsite, if any remaining a bench could also be purchased.

RI requires Signatory's signatures in order to gain 'View Only' access of account on the internet banking site. RI was thanked and praised for the clear presentation of the report.

(67) Buildings and Fabric Update

Sound & Vision and Heating

PG still awaiting quotes and calls from the companies approached for Sound & Vision and Heating.

Action PG: to provide a summary of the work required and quotes.

Path

CW updated us on the slow process of getting the permission. Using the 'GeoGrid' surface would require a visit and report from an Arboriculturalist which will take more time and money.

Garden of Remembrance

MD suggested a designated area for ashes by the back gate (campsite access), possibly with a bench.

Action All: Please take the time to have a look at this area.

Solar

JC reported they might be feasible again, further information required as the Government keep making changes to the tariffs.

Action JC: More information for next meeting.

Ladder

JC has the opportunity to purchase a new, 3-section aluminium ladder with his trade discount. £175 + VAT.

Proposed TC 2nd PG Agreed by all.

Action JC: Purchase the ladder

Changing Table

MD looked into changing tables on the web and one can be purchased for around £200. It will be fold-down, plastic and wall mounted.

Proposed CW 2nd CB Agreed by all.

Action MD: Purchase the changing table

(68) Fundraising and Social Activities

Jubilee, Monday 4th June – Coffee in the morning and Cream Teas in the afternoon. Pentridge will be lighting their Beacon at 8pm.

Olympic Fayre, 7th July 2012 – Margaret Durrant will be contacting people in due course for their help with this event.

TC – Last Saturday in July BBQ at Woodcutts.

(69) Synod Report

DS reported by email:

No synod reports this time as they have already been presented to the PCC and a synopsis of the years business of the two synods was presented at the APCM. The Milton and Blandford Deanery Synod is to meet on Tuesday 10th July at St James' Church, Milton Abbas 7.30pm – the emphasis will be on church alterations.

The Diocesan Synod meets on 19th June at St Paul's Fisherton Anger, Salisbury at 6.30pm when we will receive the AGM of the Diocesan Board of Finance (40 pages), which includes the Budget and the Share assessment for 2013.

Delivering Mission – Resourcing Ministry (Role of Archdeacons in the Diocese of Salisbury) followed by: **WHAT ARE THE MARKS OF A CHURCH GROWING IN DEPTH?** A discussion by Synod that will contribute to Bishop Nicholas's articulating the core purpose of the diocese at the November Synod.

Thanks to DS and TC for their continued Synod work.

(70) A.O.B

DS by email raised 3 issues:

#1 More meetings?

Discussed, but no decision reached; there will be further discussion at the Standing Committee Meeting.

Suggested by PS that the meeting should continue till 9:30pm.

PG suggested a way of speeding proceedings would be to produce a brief synopsis of specific items to be discussed and these are distributed prior to the meeting, where possible. TC suggested this could be done by email.

Action All: Please consider these ideas.

#2 North Isle – meeting/reflection area. To be included as an agenda item at the next meeting.

#3 Commandments Boards require some TLC?

CW – Chancel Repairs Liability

CW gave an explanation of this requirement by the Government. Research of the archives is required, PG has links with The Dorset Archaeological Trust and will enquire about access to Tithe Maps.

(71) Date of next meeting

Wednesday 5th September 2012, The Vicarage, 7:30pm

The meeting finished with prayer at 9.15pm