

**MEETING OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ST MARY'S, SIXPENNY HANDLEY WITH GUSSAGE ST ANDREW
5TH DECEMBER, 7:30PM, THE VICARAGE**

PCC Members Present:	Naomi Booth (NB)	Clair Brown (CB)	Mike Carter (MC)
Rev Mel Durrant (MD) Chair	Peter Goldstone (PG)	Jackie Molnar (JM),	Stella Symes (SS)
Maureen Penrose (MP)	David Salmons (DS)	Rev Paul Skinner (PS)	Carole Wyatt (CW)

(01) Welcome and opening prayer: MD opened with a reading from Revelation 21:1-7 followed by a prayer.

Apologies: Paul Bishop (PB), Ted Cox (TC), John Cullingford (JC), Ricky Ironside (RI) Sue Curtis (SC)

(02) Minutes of the meeting held on 24th October 2012: A true and accurate record. Proposed: CW, Seconded: JM.

(03) Matters Arising & Any Other Business

(3.1) Lee Abbey Still awaiting release of 2013 dates to book a church weekend.

(3.2) Church Warden A reminder that CW finishes at the end of April 2013. We should have two church wardens, so please pray and think about if God is calling you to this role.

(3.3) Annual Financial Review DS had emailed proposing that item 9 be postponed until the next meeting, as the PCC had not had time to study the financial figures. It was agreed that PS would talk us through the figures and more time would be given at the next meeting if needed. (NB there will be a Financial item at the January meeting.) For this reason, and as items 4-8 have financial implications, the meeting went to item 9 and then returned to the others.

(04) CCL (Christian Copyright Licence) This is a licence to project words on the PowerPoint, and costs £66 for the year.

(05) Chancel Repair Liability It was felt the document Nick Sherman had produced for us this is enough to show that the PCC has fulfilled its responsibility. It was proposed that the report be sent to Church House.

Proposed: PG, Seconded: JM, All agreed.

Action: MD to write and thank Nick Sherman for his work.

(06) Path We now have the Faculty for the path from the church front door to the lych gate, as preciously agreed. We can proceed as soon as the weather permits. It was proposed to go ahead with this work, up to the cost of £1,500.

Proposed: CW, Seconded: PG, All agreed.

(07) Buildings & Fabric

(7.1) Sound & Vision Funding required for both projects totals about £16,000. One company that could do both aspects. Durweston church are doing a similar project, so we may be able to work together to get a discount. It is possible that the Sound element could be carried out first followed by Vision as soon as funding becomes available. Sheila Bradley has been approached to research available grants and is confident we should get some funding.

It was proposed that we should proceed with the Faculty.

Proposed: PS, Seconded: JM, All agreed.

(7.2) Electrics Electrical inspections took place at both churches and should be carried out annually, with a major inspection every 5 years. Within St Mary's there are a few concerns with regards to Earthing and RCBOs (auto-trips) which need to be dealt with as soon as possible. Fee from the electrician, Simon Wallworth - £348+vat.

Action: PG – contact Simon Wallworth for a quote for the consumer unit and heating.

(08) Gussage St Andrew Quinquennial

General maintenance is required and there will be a Working Party once better weather is with us. The security of the key was raised. The tree next to the Church is on private land owed by the Downies family and may require attention.

Action: PS – Wall cleaning, consult the architect.

Action: CW - Key safe options, due to the size of the key, may require a bespoke result.

(09) Annual Financial Review

As reported previously, James Reed is no longer able to audit the accounts. We therefore need to find someone else to carry out this task. CW suggested the person who does Pentridge could be approached. MD will find out.

RI will step down as treasurer at the AGM. It is necessary to find a suitable replacement.

PS took us through the figures and reported that we will be able to pay the final Share before the deadline and we are in a strong position going into the new year.

£1000 to be transferred to the contingency fund.

CW reported the 2 CCLA accounts have now been combined, as previously agreed.

PG suggested the spreadsheet could be displayed as a graph for ease of representation.

Thanks to RI and PS.

(10) Outward Giving Review

PS reported that we are paid up-to-date with our giving and it was proposed, as the funds are available, we should proceed with the next round of giving.

Proposed: PG, Seconded: PS, All agreed.

The list of charities was last considered in 2009, so we may like to review it next year. Please think about any changes you would like.

(11) Date of next meeting Wednesday 16th January 2012, The Vicarage, 7:30pm.

The meeting finished with prayer.