

**MEETING OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ST MARY'S, SIXPENNY HANDLEY WITH GUSSAGE ST ANDREW
29TH MAY 2013, 7:30PM, THE CHURCH**

PCC Members Present:	Sheila Bradley (SB)	Clair Brown (CB)	Bobbie Carter (BC)
Catherine Chapman (CC) Treasurer	Ted Cox (TC) Deanery	Rev Mel Durrant (MD) Chair	Peter Goldstone (PG)
Stella Symes (SS)	Maureen Penrose (MP)	David Salmons (DS) Deanery	Rev Paul Skinner (PS)
Roy Warner (RW)			

(01) Welcome and opening prayer: MD opened with a reading from Mark 10:32-45 followed by prayer.
Apologies: John Cullingford (JC)

(02) Minutes of the meeting held on 6th March 2013:

Resolution A true and accurate record: Proposed: PG, Seconded: MP, Agreed.

(03) Finances

(3.1) Change to accounts and signatories Bank signatories have been changed to Catherine Chapman and Maureen Penrose. Further to this meeting Naomi Booth and Carole Wyatt will be removed and Sheial Bradly will be included as a new signatory.

(3.2) Giftaid We have £1500 of Giftaid now claimed from November to April.

(3.3.) Audit Awaiting the bill of around £575 from Fawcetts, which will be paid accordingly. Unless we can find a Voluntary Auditor with the correct qualifications - which would be ideal - it may be necessary to use Fawcetts again, however the bill will be reduced as the paperwork will be in the required format.

Resolution *To pay bill and use Fawcetts again unless voluntary alternative found:* Proposed: CC, Seconded: BC, Agreed.

(04) Matters Arising & Any Other Business

(4.1) Chancel Repair This is finally resolved! See email sent 24/5/20013. Explanation to be included in the next Downsman. Thanks were noted to Carole Wyatt and Nick Sherman for their hard work on this issue.

Resolution proposed: DS, Seconded: TC, Agreed.

Action: MD to include a piece in the next issue of the Downsman re Chancel Repair Insurance and householders may have.

(4.2) Church Fete An enourmose success, raising £1704. Thanks to Stella Symes, Maureen Penrose & Carole Wyatt.

(4.3) Deputy Chirch Warden SB requested some assistance with the Church Warden role, for times when SB is not able to attend. Several people were happy to stand-in at services. Sides Persons – there are 2 new recruits, possible 3. There is now a useful checklist by the organ.

(4.4) Electrial Testing PAT (Portable Appliance Testing) has been carried out by Simon Wallworth, as required.

(05) Worship & Ministry

(5.1) Follow on to Bishop's Questions Following on from the comments circulated, there was a lively discussion about combined services and the role of children within them.

(5.2) Lee Abbey Visit A great success and thoroughly enjoyed by all 17 that went. Hope to go again next June.

(5.3) Visit of the Sudan Bishop's The bishops in Sudan are visiting the diocese and we are asked to contribute £200 towards their expenses. Pentridge have already given £50 – can we give the remaining £150.

Resolution *Proposed to give £150 to help with Sudan Bishop's visit:* DS, Seconded: TC, Agreed.

(5.4) Visit of Bishop Graham Sunday 28th July to St Andrew's and St Mary's, and lunch at The Shed (tbc).

(5.5) Union Flag Replacement of the one in tatters. New flag already up (the old one makes a great tablecloth!).

(5.6) Sidespersons, Intercessorts, Readers Meeting on Saturday 15th June 11am in St Mary's. A chance to say 'thank you' and discuss what we do.

(5.7) Child Protection Policy This will be discussed at a later meeting. A Child Protection Officer is equired to co-ordinate the policy.

(06) Buildings & Fabric

(6.1) Sound and Vision We have two quotes, both around £7½ K for the vision and £8½ K for the sound: Quote comparison and Scope circulated at the meeting. Details being sent towards the Faculty process.

(6.2) Heating Quote for underpew heating £5½ K. Along with the localised effect of the underpew heaters, the Radiant Heaters could be updated and be more efficient. Simon Wallworth to provide information and aquire 2 for testing and then develop the scope from the test. Demo of the underpew heating and 2 upgrade/replacement infra red heaters.

Resolutions 1. *Approve Principle of the proposal for Sound & Vision.* Proposed PS, Seconded: DS.

2. *Approve Pilot installation of demo heating as noted above.* Proposed: DS, Seconded: PS.

(6.3) High Speed Broadband There is a possibility of this coming to the village via the church tower. There would be a small income and a service to the community, while the church would get free broadband. Please see attached information.

Resolution Approve of principle and wish to explore further. Proposed: CC, Seconded: TC.

(6.4) Permanent Hot Water Urn

Resolution Proposal for a hot water source with fixed installation. *Proposed: BC, Seconded: MP, Agreed.*

(07) Synod Reports: No reports at this time. 26th June the Synod is coming to Sixpenny Handley Village Hall with the new rural Dean John Summons. Synod lasted visited in 1990.

(08) Date of next meeting: Wednesday 4th September 7.30pm, in the Church.

The meeting finished with prayer.