

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley with
Gussage St Andrew, 4th December, 7.30pm in the Church**

PCC Members Present:	Paul Bishop (PB)	Sheila Bradley (SB)	Ted Cox (TC) Deanery
John Cullingford (JC) LLM	Rev Mel Durrant (MD) Chair	Peter Goldstone (PG)	David Salmons (DS) Deanery
Rev Paul Skinner (PS) Curate	Roy Warner (RW)		

(01) Welcome, opening prayer, Bible reading (Matthew 15:29-38)

Apologies: Bobbie Carter, Catherine Chapman, Sue Curtis, Clair Brown, Maureen Penrose

(02) Minutes of the meeting held on 30th October 2013

Resolution: *A true and accurate record:* Proposed: DS Seconded: TC

(03) Matters arising/AOB

1. PG/SB said they had yet to study the insurance documents to look for a possible reduction in the premium.
2. The article from CC and MD is in *The Downman*, although there wasn't room for an article about
3. easyfundraising.org. This will be in the next edition.
4. Mel confirmed his proposed Sabbatical dates as 29th June – 21st September 2014
5. St Mary's is in need of sidespersons
6. Progress in Broadband requiring a receiver and transmitter on the church tower was reported. The Archdeacon has said that a faculty is definitely needed.

Action: Request for someone to take over this project.

(04) Finance

In a message, CC reported that she has applied for the giftaid which, with the Christmas Fayre, means we can pay the last part of the Share.

Resolution: *It was proposed that the discussion of finances be held over until the meeting on 22 January 2014 and that figures be circulated at least five days before the meeting. Additionally the Treasurer be authorised to draw down from the contingency fund, if necessary, to pay the outstanding amount of the 2013 Share before the end of the year.*

Proposed: DS Seconded: TC

Action: Mel will circulate a copy of the information from Catherine Chapman, Treasurer, to all members

(05) Fundraising

Martin Green's talk at St Andrew's was well attended; the collection at Remembrance was very good; about £2000 was raised at the Christmas Fair and there was an excellent support for the Philippines relief fund sent by Chona Garton to her home village. People have been very generous. The Waistcoat Festival in May was discussed.

BUT we are only able to move forward with projects through donations from people outside or on the edge of the church. There were no new suggestions for fundraising, except to consider a stewardship campaign to raise the level of individual giving. Everyone was asked to use easyfundraising.org.

(06) Projects

(a & b). Sound and Vision projects are going well, but because the DAC require to know that all the money is in place before awarding a faculty. This prolongs the starting date.

(c.) Heating will continue to take a back place until the above is underway.

(d.) The Path. SB reported that it will be done but we don't know when.

(07) Worship, Ministry and Mission

(a.) Mel has publicised, as widely as possible, new time of the 'Christingle' service, 4pm Christmas Eve.

(b.) 2014 First World War anniversary was discussed.

Ideas so far: - A prayer vigil in August, collecting war time memories/photos of the village and any personal accounts, researching the names are on our war memorial and on the roll of honour in the church

(c) The provisional pattern of services for next year was looked at again, noting the proposed combined services. Further discussion will ensue.

(d) A reminder was given of the visit to Lee Abbey on the weekend of 27th-29th July, 20

(08) Outward Giving Review

Our Deanery is linked with Rokon in the Sudan. Handouts of sheets by DS give fuller details. It was suggested that we could revise our outward giving by one charity a year, and we should include this charity in 2014. The deanery needs £10,000 for meaningful action in rebuilding a skill base in the country. It has supported an educational student and now would like to help train a person/persons to perfect their practical skills so that they can hand on their knowledge to members of the community. Please read the details in the handouts.

(09) Synod Reports Please read the hand-outs. DS was thanked for his work on the Synods.

(10) Next Meeting Wednesday, January 22nd 2014, 7.30 pm in St Mary's Church. The emphasis will be Finance

The meeting closed with prayer at 9.15pm