

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council of St Mary's,
Sixpenny Handley with Gussage St Andrew, 12th March 2014, 7.30 pm in the Church

Paul Bishop (PB)	Sheila Bradley (SB) churchwarden	Clair Brown (CB) Secretary	Bobbie Carter (BC)
Catherine Chapman (CC) Treasurer	Sue Curtis (SC)	Rev Mel Durrant (MD) Chair and Diocesan	Peter Goldstone (PG)
Stella Symes (SS)	Maureen Penrose (MP)	David Salmons (DS) Deanery and Diocesan	Rev Paul Skinner (PS) Associate Priest
Roy Warner (RW)			

(01) Welcome, Opening Prayer, Bible Reading Matthew 6:7-15

Apologies: Ted Cox (TC), John Cullingford (JC) **Absent:**

(02) Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd January 2014

Item (07) **Resolution:** to pay 2013 Outward Giving. *Proposed: PS, Seconded: CC. Agreed*

Resolution: A true and accurate record. *Proposed: CC, Seconded: RW. Agreed*

(03) Matters Arising/AOB

3.1 Lee Abbey 27 - 29th June 2014. There is financial support available, should you require it.

3.2 Mel's Sabbatical 1st July - 18th September 2014. Mel has received a message from the Bishop wishing him well.

3.3 Spiral Staircase – Health and Safety would require a handrail of a sturdy rope with appropriate knots. CC offered some rope that was surplus to their requirements. PG has contacts within the trade and can acquire suitable rope (with knots) and brackets.

3.4 Rural Agricultural Project – South Sudan. Due to the on-going conflict in this country their immediate need is aid and it is not currently appropriate to support this project at present. Defer until 2015.

3.5 Sowing Seeds – Community Project. DS explained this, which was deemed an item more suited for the village Parish Council.

3.6 Photocopier. The vicarage has a new machine! Copy costs are cheaper and there is no charge for cartridges, however there is a monthly fee, but it is marginally better value than the previous arrangement.

3.7 Lawnmower. *Resolution: Purchase of a new lawnmower. Proposed: PG, Seconded: DS. Agreed*

Action: SB Check insurance for the new machine.

3.8 Fairtrade Easter Eggs. Please remember to buy Fairtrade, and look out for The Real Easter Egg.

3.9 Deanery Office expenses. £10 sent.

3.10 Broadband. Wessex are linking into Pentridge and Cranbourne Chase. A Faculty is required to install the aerial at the top of the tower. PG acquiring drawings and information for the Faculty. Wessex website has full details of what the web and phone charges will be.

(04) Projects

4.1 Path. It was reported that the architect has this matter in-hand. Workmen have cleared and edged the path, but work has now stalled – despite favourable weather.

Action: SB Contact the architect John Turnbull re progress.

4.2 Sound and Vision. Faculty can be acquired once funds are secured. Still about £5000 to raise, but there are funds in the Contingency Account that could be utilised.

Resolution: Use the Contingency fund to obtain Faculty and proceed with Faculty for the Sound and Vision Project and proceed with the project once the Faculty is acquired.

Proposed: PG, **Seconded:** BC. **Agreed:** 12, **Against:** 0, **Abstain:** 1. (13 members attending).

4.3 Churchyard

4.3.1 Living Churchyard Project. The form has arrived to enter this competition.

4.3.2 Lawn Mower – Refer to item 3.7 above.

(05) Worship and Ministry

5.1 Service Feedback – Louise does a wonderful job during the Informal service with the children

5.2 The Lent Course, 'Journey to Wisdom', from Mon 10th March, 7.30pm in the Parish Office. Have begun, with 12 attending and 6 apologies, hope the numbers will swell at the next meeting.

5.3 Lent Soup Lunches start on Wed 12th March in the church from 12.30pm. A great start with Jessy Meaden and her trip to Malawi, Africa and project AMEC - 31 attended and £160 raised.

5.4 Mothering Sunday – 30th March, Noah Hewitt, First School's headmistresses second son to be baptised. "Informal-ish" service to begin at 10am; Scouts will provide the daffodil posies.

5.5 Easter – Palm Sunday service to include Jess the donkey, try and encourage people to the Friday evening service.

5.6 Fathers Day – 22nd June. Combined, 'informal-ish' service at 10am. Have Seed Bombs as the gift.

5.7 Alpha Course – from Tuesday 6th May, Blandford Parish Centre – Please see included with the agenda invitations. We have been asked to cater for one of the sessions. BC has agreed.

5.8 WI Carols – Wednesday 10th Dec 7pm

5.9 Jazz Praise - one Sunday summer evening at St. Andrews; date TBA.

5.10 Christian Aid – dedicated service 11th May.

(06) Finances

6.1 Budget – CC talked through the figure. The Share to be paid every other month, so as not to incur too large a bill.

6.2 Deputy Treasurer – MP is stepping down and a replacement is needed. Our thanks to Maureen Penrose for all her hard work.

6.3 Diocese Budget – copies available in church and on the Salisbury Diocese Website.

(07) Income Generation

7.1 Easy Fundraising (ef) – If you shop using the internet for anything, first visit ef. It's easy and really is something for nothing!

7.2 Waistcoat Festival – 17th May

7.3 Christmas Fayre – 29th November. Maureen Lockyer and her team will be organising this year.

7.4 Gussage St Andrew – Garden Party in August tbc, for church funds.

7.5 Dorset Arts Week – two artists have asked to use Gussage Church as a venue.

7.6 Ideas: Pancake Race; 50/60s Night; Pie Evening; Pudding Club; Slave Auction; Silent Auction; Open Gardens with Cream Teas & Ice creams.

(08) Preparation for Annual Meeting 6pm Sunday 27 April

Timetable – notices going up this weekend (15th March), ahead of schedule.

Electoral Role – completely renewed last year, revised this year.

PCC – as there are fewer than 100 members on the electoral roll we have 9 elected members, who each serve for 3 years, as well as those who are on the PCC as a result of their role in the parish.

PCC Members:			
Paul Bishop 2015	Sheila Bradley Churchwarden	Clair Brown Secretary 2015	Bobbie Carter 2016
Catherine Chapman Treasurer	Ted Cox Deanery	John Cullingford LLM	Sue Curtis 2015
Rev Mel Durrant Chair and Diocesan	Peter Goldstone 2014	Stella Symes 2015	Maureen Penrose 2014
David Salmons Deanery and Diocesan	Rev Paul Skinner Associate Priest	Roy Warner 2016	

PCC – Maureen and Peter step down - 3 vacancies. Nominations form will be on the noticeboard

Deanery Synod elections – 2 members

Annual Report – only report legally required and sent to diocese with the accounts. The Diocese website has a template (emphasising that it is quite short) which we follow. We will share this with you as soon as it is prepared, so you know what will be said at the meeting.

(09) Synod Report

The Deanery is advertising for a Development worker – who should be the contact in our parish?
What is the prime area of need?

(10) Date of Next Meeting

Annual Meeting: Sunday, 27th April in St Mary's 6.00pm, immediately followed by PCC

The meeting closed with prayer