

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, TANSLEY

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in church on Thursday, 7th July, 2011.

The meeting was preceded by a reading from Romans 8, vv.31ff. and appropriate prayers.

Present: Revd Richard Reade (in the Chair), Pat Brewster, Geoff Crapper, June Greatorex, Jean Turner, Chris Windle, Bob Ball (Secretary) and the meeting welcomed Rev. Adrian Smith as Ecumenical Observer.

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Russell Lane and John and Val Rigarfsford.

2. Minutes of the last meeting: Minutes of the meeting of the PCC held on Wednesday, 11th May, 2011 were **APPROVED**.

3. Matters arising:

a) The Secretary agreed to produce a notice about how to use the new Nave lighting.

b) The new leaflets had been produced and distributed as necessary. Spares in the vestry.

c) There has still no response from Miles Gregory concerning the proposed cupboards.

d) Wendy informed the PCC that FOTC had agreed in principle to assist with funding repairs to the Vestry corridor and toilet roofs.

e) There had been no response yet from the Parish Council to our letter concerning space for the burial of ashes in the extended cemetery.

f) The Secretary had found out alternative suppliers and costs of 'Complete Mission Praise'. He was **AUTHORISED** to order 24 copies from The Book Depository at a cost of £149.54

4. Correspondence:

a) A letter tendering his resignation from the PCC due to family and other commitments had been received from Chris Maycock. The resignation was accepted with understanding for his situation. The Secretary was asked to write a letter thanking Chris for all his work on the Council and for offering to continue being involved in the Family Service, accompanied with best wishes to him and his family for the future.

b) A letter from Dorothy was read out by Richard. It expressed various concerns about events arising out of the forthcoming Well-dressing weekend. The PCC noted the comments stressed the need for teamwork in all church activities. The Secretary was asked to draft a response to this effect and to express the PCC's gratitude to Dorothy for all the time and effort she has put in towards making the weekend a success

c) 'Ride and Stride' will be on 10th September this year. Richard has sent for appropriate forms and it was **AGREED** that the church would be open for visitors on that day as usual.

d) A letter from the Diocese advertising a one-day conference on dementia under the auspices of the Faith in Action movement. It was noted.

5. Finance: The Treasurer presented the accounts to date [**Copy attached**] and were duly **APPROVED**. The Treasurer also announced that the church is now registered with Smartwater.

6. Mission Action Plan: Richard has been following up the PCC's wish to consider the acquisition of a digi-projector. Phil Wise has agreed to find more information and to give advice. There is to be a training day called 'Messy Fiesta' held at St John's College, Nottingham on 8th October between 10am and 3pm at a cost of £15.00 per person. It was hoped that someone might express an interest in attending the course as it should be relevant to our own mission plans.

7. Vestry and toilet: Russell had informed Richard that he has asked for further quotes from Simon Greer and David Toplis for repairs to the Vestry and toilet roofs and was awaiting responses.

There was some concern about the heavy stone roof pushing out the supporting wall which would have to be taken into account if the new roofing was to be mounted on top of the stones. It was **RECOMMENDED** that the quinquennial report be re-examined to see what had been suggested there and, if necessary to consult the architect.

8. Clock mechanisation: The Secretary had received revised quotations from Smith of Derby (£4380 + VAT) and from English Clockmakers (£2950 + VAT) for mechanising the clock-winding mechanism, although it could not be said that the specifications were identical. It was felt that it would be appropriate to approach the village for donations towards mechanisation in celebration and commemoration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee and this would be considered further at a future meeting. In the meantime concern was expressed about some defects in the clock's mechanism which was causing it to strike out of sync. with the time shown on the clock face. Some £466.00 pounds had been spent with Smith's not long ago on repairs to the clock and there had been a subsequent service. It was felt that such work should offer some guarantee of satisfactory operation and the problem should be drawn to the attention of Smith of Derby before any further consideration was given to mechanisation. The Secretary was asked to write to Smith's and ask them to send an engineer to rectify the problem on that basis. Until then a request from Smith's to enter into an annual service contract at £205.00 + VAT should be held in abeyance.

9. Security: There had been reports of the west door being found unlocked after it had been known to be locked. It was also felt that key access to the clock tower was now available more widely than was previously known. Because of the need for greater security it was **AGREED** that a more organised approach to key-holding was important. Richard is to approach Derek , who was offering a key-cutting service, with a view to establishing the cost of replacing the locks on the clock tower, the west door and the Vestry. If that was done a register would then be held of all those authorised to hold a key for specific purposes.

10. Other matters: Richard briefly talked about the recent meeting of the Inter-Church Committee and outlined future joint activities. (**Full details are available in the Minutes on the notice board**) There would be a Deanery Synod on 19th May. The Well-dressing week-end is now being publicised. There is to be another book sale in church on August Bank Holiday Monday. There is to be a discussion about introducing some flexibility into the Matins service on the first Sunday of each month. The tarmac level on the church path is falling in some places and it was recommended that they be re-levelled with cold tarmac.

Russell Lane was able to be present for the last few minutes of the meeting.

The meeting ended with Prayers at 9.10pm.