

**Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting
Held in the Church on Wednesday 8 March 2017**

Present: Reverend Richard Reade (Chair); June Greatorex; Kath Cummings; Geoff Crapper; John Rigarlsford; Bob Ball; Pat Brewster; Mary Eatherden; Valerie Rigarlsford; Hazel Slack; Vicki Hopkinson (note taking)

In attendance: Dr Anne Phillips

16/7/83 Apologies for Absence: Jean Turner; Alan Wilson; Ecumenical rep. Non-attendance: Chris Windle.

The meeting was opened with a reading and prayers.

16/7/84 Minutes of the Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2017 and Extraordinary meeting of 26 February 2017 having been circulated previously were accepted as a true record of the meeting with one amendment of **16/7/78** word 'vice' replaced with 'in place of'. Both these minutes were duly signed by the chairman.

16/7/85 Matters Arising

1. External Entrance and Steps – The Faculty certificate for the grab handle has been received, Alan is following this up. The handle needs to be in place by 28 January 2018 or the certificate will expire. Geoff Crapper has contacted the Stone Mason regarding a date for the entrance steps and also removing the tar stain along the side of the church.
2. Church cleaning and clearance of organ loft – The cleaner is working well at the moment, no extra hours have been required as yet. Adelle works from a list provided for her each month. The organ loft is becoming a fire risk, it is hoped that once the Christmas Decorations are away and the book sale has been held the upstairs will be able to be used. It was noted that the books and old hymn books are a fire risk, it was agreed that following the book sale the remaining books will be donated to charity.

16/7/86 Correspondence

At the last PCC Dick Parkin left the PCC to move to Kent. RR thanked Dick on the PCC's behalf and received a letter to say that he has settled in his new home and misses everyone.

The APCM electoral roll is now open and closes on 19 March 2017, reports are coming in for the APCM which will be held on 5 April 2017 at 7.30pm. A position on the Deanery Synod is vacant, Roger Flint has indicated that he will stand for election to this position and it is hoped that John Rigarlsford will also continue on Deanery Synod.

16/7/87 Faculty and Fabric: Disabled access.

Last meeting the PCC looked at ideas from the architect. The next step is to find out from the stonemason how feasible the ideas are. It was discussed that there are lots of different funding pots available to help with this kind of project. It was discussed that a rough cost would be needed before deciding if this is the way we want to go for the church. Following this the draft proposals would need to be sent to DAC for preliminary comments before we can proceed further.

It was agreed to leave this off the agenda until further information on feasibility and cost has been sought from the stonemason.

16/7/92 Ecumenical Matters

Colin Smith has sent his apologies for not being here tonight. Colin would like to set up a joint planning group to avoid events clashing and also to plan events for the community and this has been planned for Thursday 27 April, 7.30pm at Heather House, Geoff and Mary said they would attend.

The Messy Church planning group is tomorrow at 10.30, the next Messy Church is on Tuesday 28 March at 3.30.

The Rainbows and Brownies have been invited to the Mothering Sunday Service, breakfast will follow after.

Diocesan Synod

The meeting was held last Saturday. John Rigarlsford went through his report which had been circulated.

John reported that a bible study group is using the church hall, they are not associated with any groups.

There is some division of opinion how often the PCC can use the village hall, it was asked if this agreement could go out sometime. John explained that there is a verbal agreement that the church can use it at no charge for social events for Holy Trinity with the proviso that if something else is already booked that takes precedent.

The meeting closed at 9pm.