

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting
Held in the Church on Wednesday the 9th March 2016

The meeting opened with a reading and prayers

Present:

Reverend Richard Reade(chairman); Bob Ball; Pat Brewster; Geoff Crapper; Kath Cummings; Mary Eatherden; June Greatorex; John Rigarlsford; Val Rigarlsford; Hazel Slack; Alan Wilson and Richard Parkin(secretary).

In Attendance: Reverend Adrian Smith (Methodist Representative).

16.1.13 Apologies for Absence:

Russell Lane; Jean Turner; Chris Windle.

16.1.14 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th January 2016 having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of that meeting and were duly signed by the chairman.

16.1.15 Ecumenical Matters

- [Messy Church. The Messy Church held on the 10th February was a joyful and rewarding occasion which included craft activities; 22 children attended. The next Church was to be held on the 20th April for which recruits to help with activities would be welcome.
- [Thursday Meeting. It had been agreed that the meeting held on the 11th February was to be the last. It would be replaced by some alternative social gathering based around three or four major calendar events. The Parish Picnic had been deferred; arrangements to celebrate the Queen's Birthday were to be completed.
- [Lent meetings were in progress; a Prayer Walk was to take place on the 3rd April and Christian Aid week was to start on the 3rd May.

16.1.16 Matters arising from the previous meeting:

- [It was reported that: the installation of the outside lighting had been completed; the Baptismal-roll notice board had been ordered; the stowage of items in the organ loft was nearing completion and that the radiators had been flushed with consequent improvement to the church heating overall.
- [A design for the external hand rail was being submitted; it would reflect the recommendations of the DDDC conservation officer and, once approved, would be submitted to the DAC to complete the Faculty.
- [The Parish Council had received estimates for the path tarmac and a decision was awaited

16.1.17 Correspondence:

- [A letter had been received from Mr Denys Gaskell informing the council that regretfully he was no longer able, for mainly domestic reasons, to produce the Tansley Times after having done so for the past 25 years. He would, however, try to keep the church website up to date until such time as a replacement could be found to take it over. The council was unanimous in its praise for the work Denys had carried out with such commitment to promote communication within the church and the wider community. The need to find a replacement was recognized and in this it was thought there may be benefit in a combined newsletter with the

Methodist Church. The possibility was to be investigated. Meanwhile the Chairman undertook to produce a simplified weekly news sheet and the secretary was to write a letter of appreciation to Denys.

- [Other correspondence included: a letter from the Barnaby Trust advising on the handling of terrorist threats and the Church of England promoting a week of prayer starting the 8th May which the chairman would co- ordinate with All Saints.
- [A hastening had been sent to DDDC regarding the felling of the fir tree at the front entrance; this ws now to include the trimming of the trees along the back path.

16.1.17 Health and Safety

An observation was raised that access to the organ loft might be a child-safety hazard, as also the height of the balcony rails particularly to those who might suffer from vertigo. While not considered major, the risk was to be assessed nevertheless.

16.1.19 Financial Report

The financial report was presented and is attached to these minutes. To save reducing the interest received on the trading account it was unanimously agreed that grants would be submitted to the Friends of Tansley Church Fund for expenditure on items relating directly to the Fabric. These would include items such as lighting, notice boards, path and work that might result from the forthcoming Quinquennial inspection.

16.1.20 Churchwarden's Report

There were no matters to report.

16.1.21 Deanery Synod Matters

- [The chairman summarised the Wirksworth Deanery Briefing, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. The briefing dealt with: Mission and Stewardship; Deanery Re-organisation; Staffing and Pastoral Issues and Finance. It had been agreed that the name to be given to the newly combined Deaneries was to be the Carsington Deanery.
- [John Rigarslford gave a full briefing on the latest Deanery Synod meeting which was attended by the new Bishop of Repton.

16.1.22 Mission Action Plan

- [Pastoral Group: it was reported that the pastoral group was now working well and covering most of the associated needs. The chairman reminded that Stella Collishaw was available to give training to pastoral visitors.
- [There was to be an 'All Age Worship Training Event' on the 9th April

16.1.23 Any Other Business

- [Vestry Cleaning and Refurbishment It was agreed that a working party would meet on the 4th June to carry out the necessary work which would include addressing the matter of excessive condensation
- [It was wished to be recorded that for the first time in 23 years since ordination the Rector had been given the privilege and responsibility of preaching in a Cathedral. This he did at Choral Evensong on the 14th February when the Cathedral celebrated the United Society. The subject of a memorable sermon was Thomas Bray, the Anglican priest who founded what is now the Us in 1701. He was supported by 18 members from Holy Trinity and All Saints.
- [There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.00pm with the saying of the Grace.

16.1.24 The date of the next meeting was to be held on the 13th April 2016. This would be the AGM.

