

**Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting
Held in the Church on Wednesday the 9th September 2015**

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; Russell Lane; John Rigarlsford; Val Rigarlsford; Hazel Slack; Jean Turner; Alan Wilson and Richard Parkin (secretary)

In Attendance: Reverend Colin Smith (Ecumenical Representative)

15/5.1 Apologies for Absence

Sue Smith

15/5.2 To Approve the Minutes of the Previous Meeting Held on the 8th July 2015

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th July 2015 were accepted as a true record of that meeting subject to the amendment of Chris Windle vice Chris Lane as Health and Safety representative (15/4.4.3). The chairman then duly signed the minutes.

15/5.3 Matters Arising from the Previous Minutes

Reports were received on the following:

- [Chancel spotlight: there had been no further progress on this matter
- [Kneelers for altar-frontage; the kneelers had been supplied and were in place. Comment was made as to their lack of firmness but it was generally accepted they accorded with the originally approved design. The cost of carpet and kneelers totalled £559.
- [Flower Festival: the flower festival had achieved its customary excellence and had realised a very creditable £523
- [New Notice Board: A number of designs and costs for the new notice board had been evaluated. As a result it was unanimously

Decided: that a board was to be purchased from Signs4Schools at a cost of around £650; the colour was to be blue and the Standing Committee was to decide on the format and wording. The board was to be attached to the railings in place of the existing board and local authorities were to be contacted to ensure no regulations would be contravened

- [175th Anniversary: Arrangements were now well advanced. The Service would take the form of Thanksgiving, Contrition and Celebration. An up-graded Covenant had been prepared (reflecting the present and approved by the council) for signing by the Rector and Revd. Keith Bamford (On behalf of the Chapel) and to be witnessed by Bishop Alastair at the Service as a renewal of commitment. A sum of up to £50 was authorised to defray expenses, particularly printing

15/5.4 Correspondence

- [August being the quiet season no PAWS for Thought or Diocese E-news had been published.
- [The chairman of the Parish Council had given a public notice re the control of dogs which it would arrange to be fixed to the front railings subject to permission. The council agreed to grant permission.
- [There was no further correspondence

15/5.5 Health and Safety

- [A Faculty for the surfacing of the path and hand rails for the front-entrance was being progressed by the new on-line procedure. There was an urgency for it to be completed and because of this it was

Decided: that the use of a non-slip surface would no longer be pursued and simple tarmac would be used instead. Local authorities were to be contacted to ensure no regulations would be contravened

15/5.6 Financial Report

The Financial Report was presented and is attached to these minutes. The loss from the start of the year of £773 was largely owing to expenditure on the fabric of the altar frontage and did not affect significantly the financial position, which remains sound.

15/5.7 Churchwarden's Report

- [A new doormat for the porch had been fitted by Elliot Carpets at no cost. A letter of thanks was to be sent to the firm
- [A new surface was needed for the notice board in the porch; this would be arranged

15/5.8 Deanery Synod Matters

The Synod had not met since the last meeting of the council. However, it seemed likely that a decision on the reorganisation of the Rural Deaneries would be reached soon and that Wirksworth would combine with Ashbourne.

15/5.9 Mission Action Plan

- [The document on the Parish Policy on 'Communion before Confirmation' was approved subject to amendments on church attendance and the inclusion of Godparents in the participation of preparation. Having regard to set precedence it was generally accepted there was no legal contravention. The Policy would be sent to the Bishop for signature and a copy attached to these minutes.
- [The Mission Action Plan had been updated to include recent decisions of the council and to reflect further development and opportunities for mission growth. A copy is attached to these minutes.
- [Sukie Harrison had been approached regarding taking the lead on the formation of a 'Pastoral Group' but had declined on the grounds of not being as familiar with village life as previously. The problems of strangers calling in today's environment was recognised but there was a willingness to pursue this important aspect of church life; it would therefore be taken forward by members of the council. Jane Clegg from All Saints Church Pastoral Group could be called upon to address/advise on how that church meets the need
- [The subject of 'Friends of the Church' was discussed. Leaflets were considered and also contacting those who had been married in the church. This was to be taken up at the next meeting.

15/5.10 Ecumenical Matters

- [There was a reminder that a Christian Unity Service was to be held in the New Year and of the Christian Meditation Day at St Oswald's Church, Ashbourne on the 29th September 2015.
- [Whilst the financial position of the Messy Church remained reasonable it was nevertheless
Decided: to grant £100 to boost the fund to help it into the next year.

15/5/11 Any Other Business

- [A Gift Day was to be held in the church on the 31st October from 1000 to 1200.
- [It was noted that the cellar had been cleared of rubbish and all flammable material. Considerable thanks were due to Bob Ball and Geoff Crapper for carrying out the heavy and dirty work involved.

15/5/12 The date and time of the next meeting was to be on Wednesday the 11th November at 7.30pm.