

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, TANSLEY

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 10th May 2017 in the Church

Present: The Rev. Richard Reade, (Chairman), Geoff Crapper, June Greatorex, Kath Cummings, John Rigarsford, Bob Ball, Pat Brewster, Mary Eatherden, Hazel Slack, Roger Flint

Adrian Smith (Ecumenical Representative)

Richard opened the meeting with prayers and a reading from the First Letter of Peter, Chapter 2

Adrian Smith and Roger Flint were welcomed to the meeting by Richard
“Fit and Proper Persons” declaration sheets were distributed to all members of the PCC for completion. These were to be returned to Richard as soon as possible.

1. 16/7/93 Apologies

Apologies were received from Chris Windle, Val Rigarsford, Jean Turner and Alan Wilson. Richard reported up-to-date news of Anita’s health who, although still quite poorly, was now at home being cared for by Alan.

2. 16/7/94 Minutes of Meeting held on 8th March 2017.

These Minutes were **Unanimously** approved by the PCC.

Richard expressed thanks to Vicki Hopkinson, who had helped out by taking the Minutes on the past two occasions

3. 16/7/95 Matters Arising

16/7/85 – The step had now been sorted out by the stonemason who reported that the colour will eventually fade and look superb. Richard will speak with Alan about the grab handle
June reported that Adele, church cleaner, wishes to work for one hour every fortnight. This had been agreed and June will give her a regular list of things to be done. Marion Ball had volunteered to take home and wash dishcloths, tea towels and any other linen.

The need to clear and tidy the organ loft had become urgent and because of fire risk books needed to be disposed of in some way. Roger agreed to investigate the possibility that these could be sent to East Africa where they would be received gratefully by Christian groups.

Geoff had received a quotation of £8,000 for a new doorway to accommodate disability access. Specialised work was required for a new window. It was agreed that these issues were for long term consideration in view of the cost. Roger spoke of a system of help for those in need that operated in his previous church whereby a list of those willing to help had been made and drawn upon when needed. He thought the Diocese might be satisfied with such an arrangement.

16/7/88 – Health and Safety. There is still a problem with mice infestation, although there appeared to be a slight decrease in evidence. It was agreed that awareness of the problem and monitoring of the situation be maintained and regularly reviewed.

16/7/92 – Ecumenical matters. Although it was agreed that Colin Smith’s mission to ensure that The Chapel and Holy Trinity retain strong ties by regular joint meetings was a good idea, there were difficulties with overlapping of events taking place in both churches. The meeting held at Colin’s home on 26th April was not well attended by members of both

churches and this was sincerely regretted by the PCC. Adrian thought the best idea was to put on events with general community interest that would help to strengthen the connection between the two communities. Richard suggested the possibility of this being something for the churches together group. This would be an Agenda item at the next meeting of the PCC under the heading of Mission.

John pointed out that under the Diocesan Property Managing Trustees the Village Hall was available free of charge to Holy Trinity Church each Sunday and for at least one day a week. There was a danger that if this condition was not adhered to use of the hall would be withdrawn. It was agreed by John with the Chairman of the Tansley Ladies Group that this should be described as a religious group. It was hoped that the present inflexibility of the situation could be eased in the future. John emphasised that all events to do with the Hall should be done through one nominated contact and because he was often absent from the village it was agreed that June would act in his absence. John wished to be made aware of all related issues on this matter which could be e-mailed to him.

The existing terms of the conditions for free use of the hall could not be altered, despite a suggestion that the Church was in a healthy enough financial position to pay for use of the hall. Members of the Council agreed that the good relationship with the Village Hall Committee should be maintained with the possibility of a donation being quietly given to them in the future.

4. 16/7/96 - Election of Officers: Secretary, Treasurer, Health and Safety Parish Safeguarding Link

Thought was to be given to appointing a new Secretary, the position being vacant.

Geoff was thanked for his continued hard work as Treasurer and he was prepared to continue in this role.

Treasurer – Geoff Crapper – Proposed by Pat Brewster, Seconded by Hazel Slack and **Unanimously** approved.

Health and Safety – It was not known if Chris Windle wished to remain in this post and in the meantime he would be contacted by Richard for a decision.

Parish Safeguarding Link – Russell Lane is dealing with this issue.

Vice Chair to the PCC – Val Rigarsford – Proposed by June Greatorex, Seconded by Kath Cummings and **Unanimously** approved.

5. 16/7/97 – Correspondence

A letter had been received from Russell Lane and was read out by Richard. The contents were noted.

John, as a Governor of Tansley School, reported the outcome of a recent Ofsted report. The school had been rated as ‘Good’, but it had been commented that the children did not seem to have contact with children of a different faith. A short discussion revealed that because of the school’s rural position and dire lack of funds this issue was difficult to overcome.

6. 16/7/98 – Safeguarding

DBS checks were now taking place and training being given.

7. 16/7/99 – Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

8. 16/7/100 – Finance and Stewardship

Statements of Accounts were distributed at the meeting and Geoff explained each item in detail.

Wendy McNee had recently made application to HMRC re Gift Aid returns and a reply was imminent. A £100 grant for Christmas tree lights was now due from the Parish Council.

Geoff was thanked for his continued hard work as Treasurer.

9. 16/7/101 – Mission Action Plan

On Saturday 24th June a service and party was to take place All Saints' to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Richard's ordination to the diaconate in Lichfield Cathedral.

At 10.45am on 2nd July Dr. Anne Phillips will be ordained as a Deacon at Derby Cathedral. Richard hoped a coach could be booked for members of both churches to attend depending on numbers or by shared cars.. On the same day at 4.00pm an afternoon prayer meeting will be held in Holy Trinity Church to welcome Anne. On September 20th Anne will be priested at All Saints Church.

Archbishops have asked that during the period from 25th May to 4th June (Ascension to Pentecost) people pray for those in need throughout the World and for those they know.

A united service of Holy Communion will be held on Ascension Day, Thursday 25th May at All Saints Church at 7.30pm The Rector of St. Helens, Daley Dale, the Rev. Stephen Monk will be preaching.

A Prayer Morning will be held at Holy Trinity Church on 27th May between 10.30am and 12 noon.

A joint Prayer Walk will take place on Friday, 12th May, at 11.00am starting from the Methodist Chapel. Richard advised that the Church Mission Action Plan will be reviewed in the Autumn.

10. 16/7/102 – Deanery Synod

John Paulson, joint Lay Chair, has communicated with Duncan Ballard who will be shortly presenting his future plans.

11. 16/7/103 – Ecumenical Matters

Adrian was to relay details of Dr. Anne Phillip's ordination to members of the Chapel.

Christian Aid Week starts on Sunday 14th May with a joint service at the Chapel at 10.30am.

Richard thanked those who had taken part in the fund raising walk from Derby to Matlock. Geoff and June represented Holy Trinity Church and £220 was raised. Overall a total of £700 was raised by the Anglicans. Colin Smith raised £588 for a charity in Malawi. The next walk is to take place on the last Monday in April 2018.

At Bob's request, it was agreed that money raised by the walk could now be banked.

The meeting ended with the saying of The Grace at 8.40pm

Next Meeting to be held on Wednesday 12 July 2017

