

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting
Held in the Church on Wednesday the 11th January 2017

The meeting opened with a reading and prayers.

Present: Reverend Richard Reade (chairman); Geoff Crapper; Kath Cummings; Mary Eatherden; June Greatorex; Hazel Slack; Alan Wilson; John Rigarsford; Val Rigarsford and Richard Parkin (secretary).

In attendance: The Reverend Colin Smith (Ecumenical representative).

16/7/71 Apologies for Absence: Jean Turner; Bob Ball; Chris Windle. Non attendance: Pat Brewster.

16/7/72 Minutes of Previous Meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th November 2016 having been circulated previously were accepted as a true record of that meeting and were duly signed by the chairman.

16/7/73 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting.

- 1 Entrance grab-handle. The grab-handle had been purchased and awaited a final Faculty approval before being fitted.
- 2 Church cleaning. There had been some misunderstanding in the employment of an outside cleaner in relation to the scope of work to be undertaken. As a result it was agreed unanimously that June Greatorex was to re-engage the cleaner for 2 hours per month with the exact detail of what was required having been agreed beforehand. Should it be found additional one-off cleaning was required then this was to be referred to June who would have sole authority to commission it in conjunction with the treasurer. Normal casual cleaning would be undertaken by parishioners on a voluntary 'as and when' basis.
3. Safeguarding. Training in this regard was being implemented on a progressive basis in accordance with directives. Considerable emphasis was being placed on the importance of carrying out the requirements to the letter and a programme of audit was being put in place. The subject was to be included under a separate heading in all future agendas.

16/7/74 Correspondence: Letters had been sent to the Parish Council requesting financial assistance for maintenance of the clock and Christmas lighting. The former had been successful; the latter waited the next council meeting for consideration.

16/7/75 Faculty and Fabric.

1. It was noted that the recommended monthly requirements listed in the quinquennial survey in respect to normal upkeep and repairs were being followed where possible. Clearing of external drains and ground-guttering had been completed.
2. Increased Security. Enquiries had been made as to possible grants in regard to installing additional security (CCTV). The response had been that grants were mainly to help external theft, such as lead from roofs, and not necessarily for internal theft or trespass when proof of major incidents would certainly be required. Installation would not attract a reduction in insurance premium. Only one church in the Wirksworth Team Ministry had installed CCTV; it had cost some £400, its fitment being done by self-help. The committee discussed the pros and cons of the matter and unanimously concluded that, bearing in mind the few incidents of minor theft and disturbance that had occurred, together with the lack of any major unsecured valuables within the church, the installation of additional security might be desirable but the cost would be unwarranted.

16/7/76 Health and Safety

1. Disabled Access: The matter had been carried forward from the previous meeting. A feasibility drawing for providing an accessible lavatory, one meeting all present regulatory requirements, together with alterations to the south elevation to form a door for disabled access was distributed. This drawing was to be studied for full consultation at the next meeting. A copy of the drawing is attached to these minutes.
2. Registers. All necessary registers had now been deposited with the respective registries.
3. Lighting. Concern was expressed over the lighting of the side path. Lighting had been installed by Geoffrey Crapper but its coverage was said to be incomplete in places. The question was whether additional lighting should be fitted and whether the responsibility and cost should rest with the church or parish council. It was pointed out that the parish council deterred the use of the path as a right of way and notices were in place to that effect. Any unilateral action taken by the church might therefore contravene that intention. The consensus of opinion was that it was preferable for the matter to be raised by a member of the public in order that it can be addressed accordingly.
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16/7/77 Finance and Stewardship

The treasurer presented the financial report; it was for the end of the year and was accepted subject to audit. A copy is attached to these minutes.

16/7/78 Deanery Synod

The Reverend Duncan Ballard was to be sworn in as Area Dean vice the Reverend David Truby within the next fortnight.

16/7/79 Mission Action Plan

The chairman reported that the course in Transforming Faith continued to progress well but that the one on Christian Discipleship had been supplanted by another entitled Pilgrimage which would last over six sessions. He also gave notice of a talk to be given by Dr Graham Butler on the background to archaeology in the New Testament.

16/7/80

The Reverend Colin Smith reported that the Messy Church continued to be encouragingly active. A recent planning meeting had proved positive but new members and helpers with arrangements were to be encouraged. On the success of that depended on whether the ideal of monthly meetings might be possible for there was no doubt Messy Church was an excellent vehicle for meeting people and expanding community spirit. The next meeting was to be in a fortnight's time when the theme would be based on the Feast Day of St Paul. The Reverend Smith also expressed his willingness to join and help local organisers with Christian Aid Week. The sad death of Sue Smith had left a void in this and many other activities in which she had led, promoted and taken an invaluable part.

16/7/81 Any Other Business

The chairman reported that all Services over the Festive Period had been well attended and thanked all the helpers who had made the Christmas Tree Festival and church decorations so festive and beautiful. The church had been transformed to delight all those who entered. Mary Eatherden apologised that the publication of the bi-annual magazine had been delayed but that it would be printed in time for Easter.

The pastoral care initiative continued to progress well.

16/7/82 It was confirmed the next meeting was to be held in the church at 7.30pm on the 8th March

The meeting closed at 8.50pm with the saying of Grace