HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, TANSLEY

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in church on Wednesday, 11th May, 2011.

The meeting was preceded by a reading from Acts 2, w.42-47 and appropriate prayers.

Present: Revd Richard Reade (in the Chair), Pat Brewster, Geoff Crapper, June Greatorex, Russell Lane, Val Rigarlsford, Jean Turner, Chris Windle, Bob Ball (Secretary) and Audrey Strange (Ecumenical Observer)

1. Apologies: Apologies were received from Chris Maycock and John Rigarlsford.

2. Election of Officers: The following were elected to serve as Officers of the PCC for 2011/2012:

> Treasurer - Geoff Crapper
> Secretary - Bob Ball
> Vice-Chairman - Val Rigarlsford
> Health & Safety - Chris Windle
> Child protection - Chris Maycock

3. Minutes of the last meeting: Minutes of the meeting of the PCC held on Tuesday, 15th March, 2011 were **APPROVED.**

4. Matters arising:

a) A U.S.P.G. DVD about the school in Myanmar is now available for borrowing.

b) The Parish Council has given £100 towards the cost of Christmas lights.

c) There has been no response yet from Miles Gregory concerning the proposed cupboards.

d) A notice is to be provided to inform people how to use the new lighting.

5. Correspondence:

a) A letter concerning the Bishop's Harvest Appeal had been received.

b) A notice advising churches on how to provide interest for tourists has been supplied and a copy will be posted in church.

c) 'Back to church Sunday' will be on 25th September this year and so will coincide with our Harvest service.

d) A card had been received from John thanking the PCC for his gift on retirement as Churchwarden.

e) A 'Faith to maintenance' one-day course is being held on 11th June. Details were passed to Russell for consideration.

f) A circular letter from Kim Jeffrey seeking Parish support was discussed. It concerned the Diocesan budget process and called for a more bottom-up approach to decision making rather than the current top down approach generally used. It was thought that there have been changes for the better recently and it was likely that other improvements would be forthcoming. There was some sympathy with Mr Jeffrey's personal stance but direct support for all his views was not appropriate.

5. Finance: The Treasurer presented the accounts to date **[Copy attached]** and were duly **APPROVED**

6. Standing Committee: The PCC received Minutes of a meeting of the Standing Committee held on 4th May, 2011 **[Copy attached]** and, after explanation of the context, were **APPROVED.**

7. Friends of Tansley Church: The Treasurer was concerned about the relatively informal way in which money was sought and received from FOTC. He pointed out that some donations to FOTC are Gift Aided and can only be accepted as such if there is a close paper trail linking FOTC with the PCC and the church as a charitable organisation. As such the money must be accounted for and be subject to audit. At present too much responsibility was being put upon Wendy. The PCC **AGREED** to acknowledge that any money sought from FOTC was only for the fabric of the church as a community building and that any future requests must be made in writing to FOTC via Wendy. The Secretary was asked to write to Wendy describing the need for professional attention to the leaking roofs of the Vestry and the toilet and requesting appropriate assistance with funding.

8. Other matters: The PCC was reminded of the Methodists' 200th Anniversary celebrations. The Secretary was asked to draft a letter congratulating the Methodists on this achievement and offering best wishes for a successful event. It was noted that Marion Ball was to do an appropriate arrangement as our promised contribution to their Flower Festival.

The 'Tansley Churches Together' welcome leaflet was in the process of being printed by the Greenaway Press, the costs of which are to be met by the Staley Religious Trust.

The meeting ended with Prayers at 9.05pm.