

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting Held in the Church on Wednesday the 11th May 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 Rigarsford; Val Rigarsford; Hazel Slack; Alan Wilson and Richard Parkin(secretary).

16.3.25 Apologies for Absence: Russell Lane and Jean Turner.

16.3.26 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th March 2016 having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of that meeting subject to correction of the following: 16.1.5 - substituting the 3rd May with the 15th May, as being the start of Christian Aid Week; 16.1.17- substituting Barnaby Trust with Barnabus Trust; 16.1.21- replacing Rigarsford with Rigarsford and Diocesan Synod with Deanery Synod. The amendments made, the chairman then duly signed the minutes.

16.3.27 Matters arising from the Previous Meeting.

It was reported that:

- [the Baptismal-roll notice board had been purchased and inscriptions were in the process of being made, also that the Thursday Group was to be disbanded after its final meeting on the 26th May
- [A design for the external hand handle had yet to be received. It was decided that a photograph of a suitable design would be taken from the catalogue of a local ironmongery so as to avoid any further delay in submitting the application for a faculty.

16.3.28 Election of Officers

The following were forwarded for election: Val Rigarsford (vice chairman); R. Parkin (secretary); Geoff Crapper (treasurer); Pat Brewster (Child Protection); R. Parkin (Mission Coordinator). In the absence of any other nominees, those forwarded were duly elected unanimously; all agreed to serve accordingly. The secretary was to approach Chris Windle as to his intentions on continuing to be a member of the council and its H&E representative.

16.3.29 Correspondence:

- [Letters of appreciation had been sent to Mr Denys Gaskell for his production of the Tansley Times; to the Friends of Tansley Church for their stalwart work in promoting and raising funds and to Mr R.Sheldon for the donation in memory of his mother, Margaret. A gift to Denys was being considered, alongside the retiring churchwardens.
- [Appreciation was extended to the Rector for undertaking to produce the weekly newsletter in such a stylish form. However, it was realised this was only a temporary measure and a permanent editor would need to be found soon. In connection with the foregoing Mary Eatherden volunteered to investigate the possibility of producing a bi-annual magazine. This initiative was welcomed.
- [Notification had been received that the Archbishop of Canterbury would be visiting the Diocese in June and would be holding a public meeting in the Round House, Derby on the 21st June for which tickets to attend could be applied for on line.

16.3.30 Church Path and Faculty Updates.

- [Path: Two quotes had been received via the Parish Council, both included VAT: one from Alan Brown for £2,902 and the other from Joe Brown for £2,520 . The Parish Council had yet to make a decision. A further quote had been received from Elliots for £1,500 on which VAT could be added. The Brown quotes involved removing the present surface, putting down a base course and resurfacing with hot-rolled asphalt. This was equally suitable for use by traffic as for pedestrians and would likely be durable and long lasting. On the other hand the Elliot quote only covered for a simpler preparation and subsequent resurfacing with tarmac. This was suitable for pedestrian use but it may not be as durable, although both could be subject to damage by council contractors not protecting the edges from petrol spill. Where the more expensive options were the more desirable the question of cost had to be considered in view of a downturn in the loss of income from fund-raising and other sources plus likely forthcoming major expenditure on the entrance steps and quinquennial inspection; there was concern of a drain on capital. Bearing this in mind the consensus was that the firm of Joe Brown should be approached to obtain an estimate of the work based on the same specifications submitted by Elliots. Once received a final decision and letting of contract was to be taken by the Standing Committee. The Parish Council was to be thanked for its help and be advised that the Church Council would now be acting independently on the matter. In due time application would be made for grants to help defray the cost

- [Faculty: This was to be submitted as soon as the photograph referred to in 16.3.27 had been received. Application for a further Faculty would be submitted to hang the Ceramic Cross, which had been kindly presented by Paul Burton, on the wall facing the font.

16.3.31 Health and Safety. There were no matters under this heading.

16.3.32 Finance and Stewardship

The financial report was presented and is attached to these minutes. Attention was drawn to the fact that finances were £1,928 down since the beginning of the year. Fund raising was therefore a matter of priority and events must be advertised well beyond the immediate community.

16.3.33 Mission Action Plan. This was on-going with no particular matters to report. Attention was drawn to the Week of Prayer during Christian Aid Week and reflections to be held in All Saints on Saturday the 14th May.

16.3.34 Ecumenical Matters

The Messy Church held on the 20th April had been very well attended. The theme had been the story of Joseph taken from the Old Testament and had been the subject of a report in the Mercury newspaper; this was excellent publicity.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 9.00pm with the saying of Grace

16.3.35 The date of the next meeting was to be on Wednesday the 13th July 2016 at 7.30 pm.