

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, TANSLEY

## Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting Held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2017 in the Church

**Present:** The Rev. Richard Reade, (Chairman), Geoff Crapper, (Treasurer) June Greatorex, Kath Cummings, Bob Ball, Pat Brewster, Mary Eatherden, Hazel Slack and Val Rigarlsford.

Richard opened the meeting with a reading from Scripture followed by prayers.

### 1. 16/7/104 Apologies

Richard welcomed Dr Anne Phillips, in her absence, explaining her attendance at that evening's Deanery Synod meeting would give her an opportunity to get to know people and also bring information back to the Parish. All were thanked for the welcome given to Anne.

Apologies were received from Anne Phillips, John Rigarlsford, Alan Wilson, Roger Flint, Jean Turner and Chris Windle.

### 2. 16/7/105 Minutes of Meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

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

### 3. 16/7/106 Matters Arising

Bob Ball drew attention to the poor fitting of the hinges on the gate and the stonemason involved will be contacted to resolve this matter.

**16/7/85** Grab handles. Richard had spoken to Alan about this; he hoped to be able to fix it this week. Organ loft – Roger had investigated the possibility of sending the excess Hymn and Prayer books overseas, but this had proved negative and they would now be sent for recycling. Mary would investigate the possibility of auctioning the old sheet music to raise money. It was unanimously agreed that Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> August commencing at 11am be designated as balcony clearance day. Mice infestation was still being monitored and there had been no sightings within the last few days. It was agreed that a new trap be purchased. The search for mice entrance holes would continue.

**16/7/92** A sum of £128.18 had been received from the Village Hall Committee for annual rent and it was suggested that as Church funds were healthy this amount be given to the funds of Messy Church. To avoid connecting the two it was proposed by Bob Ball, seconded by Kath Cummings and unanimously agreed that a donation of £100 be given to Messy Church and when an appropriate time occurred a donation be made to the Village Hall Committee.

Richard had e-mailed Chris Windle to ask if he was happy to continue as Health and Safety Officer and a reply was awaited.

Richard thanked those who attended his 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ordination service and helped to make it a momentous and special day for him.

Bob asked how Richard felt about a new proposal by the Church of England that clergy should not be confined to wearing robes at services or other events. Richard felt that the robes were presenting a particular image of the church and would not be happy to follow the suggestion to abandon them, apart from at Family service.

A priesting service for Anne Phillips was to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> September at 7 pm in All Saints Church. This would be an auspicious occasion as a Priesting service had never been held in the Church before. Richard hoped members of the Council would attend.

A few people had attended the recent Prayer Morning and next year's event would take place some time between Ascension Day and Pentecost – date to be confirmed by Richard.

### 4. 16/7/107 Correspondence

Richard read out an e-mail received from Denys Gaskell referring to the inordinate delays taking place on following through decisions made by the Council regarding certain issues, i.e. resurfacing of path, renewal of front step (both completed) the installation of a grab handle by front door of Church and the painting of the handrail. (Bob to purchase black Hammerite paint for this work which would be done on clear out day).

It was agreed that all decisions were made democratically by members of the Council (including the Chairman) and recent delays were unprecedented due to extenuating circumstances. Richard pointed out that nationally all churches in England were under far more surveillance than ever before and because of bureaucracy much more paper work was involved when applying for faculties. DBS checks were being followed through this year adding to the burden of work and more staff have had to be employed and trained by the Diocese. Richard to reply.

**5. 16/7/108 Health and Safety**

Up to date with all requirements.

**6. 16/7/109 Treasurer's Report**

Statements of Accounts were circulated at the meeting \and each item was explained in detail by Geoff. Finances were in a healthy state and Geoff was thanked for his work.

**7. 16/7/110 Mission Plan**

A meeting was to take place at All Saints Church Hall on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 10.30 am giving Duncan Ballard, our Area Dean, an opportunity to answer questions posed by the Church Councils of All Saints and Holy Trinity. Richard asked members to think about future plans for the church taking into consideration the major housing proposals taking place in the village within the next ten years. Also the possibilities of working with the Methodists and existing groups in the village. June suggested that it would be appropriate to have some of the work done by children at Chapel Messy Church meetings be displayed in our Church as the meetings were joint efforts of both churches. She asked that this matter be brought up at the next planning meeting of the Messy Church to be held at 2 pm on 30<sup>th</sup> August. Goff suggested that banners be hung in the Church and Richard was to follow this up with Kevin Mayhew.

**8. 16/7/111 Ecumenical Matters**

No Methodist member present

**9. 16/7/112 Any Other Business**

June requested that Richard write a letter of thanks to Marion Ball for the work she carried out recently on Church cushions, Bibles and Altar cloths and for the laundering of all Church linen. Richard agreed to write a letter.

The meeting ended with prayers at 8.50 pm

**Next Meeting to be held on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017**