

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting Held in the Church on Wednesday the 13th July 2016

The meeting opened with a reading and prayers

Present:

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

16.4.36 Apologies for Absence: Russell Lane; Jean Turner; Bob Ball; Pat Brewster and the Rev'd Adrian Smith (Methodist representative)

16.4.37 Minutes of Previous Meeting The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th May 2016 having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of that meeting subject to correction of the following: 16.3.28 – substituting USPG in place of Mission Coordinator for the post of Mr R. Parkin The amendment made, the chairman then duly signed the minutes.

16.4.38 Matters arising from the Previous Meeting.

It was reported that:

- [Vestry Cleaning. The vestry had been cleared of surplus items and painted. The result was a great improvement and thanks were due to all those who had helped. The problem of damp had yet to be cured totally. The cause was thought to be the floor and a lino-type covering may be considered in due course. The council gave authority for appropriate records and registers to be transferred to the Records Office.
- [Weekly Newsletter. A volunteer had yet to be found to produce the newsletter.
- [Bi-annual Magazine. Ideas for the general content of the magazine were discussed together with distribution and possible costs, to be offset by advertising. The matter was to be further discussed at the next meeting when Mr Denys Gaskell would be invited to advise on the up-dating of the Church Website and possible circulation of the magazine on social media.
- [Visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Archbishop's visit to Derby on the 21st June had been inevitable rushed because of the many commitments in a full schedule. Nevertheless, those attending open events found it very rewarding.

16.4.39 Correspondence

- [The chairman had received a letter from Russell Lane informing of his intention to stand down as the Deanery Synod Representative and, by extension as an ex-officio member of the PCC. He felt disquiet over the formation of the newly restructured Deaneries of Wirksworth and Ashbourne as the single Carsington Deanery; that it had been insufficiently debated. The chairman read a letter sent to Russell from the Rural Dean explaining and clarifying the situation. The secretary was to write a letter of appreciation to Russell for his past work and stated commitment to continue working alongside the churchwardens and Rector in the position of Mission Coordinator and mission within the church and wider community.
- [Archdeacon of Chesterfield. The secretary was to write a letter of appreciation to Archdeacon Christine thanking her for her considerable support and advice to the Parish throughout her time in office and wishing her well in her new post as Dean of Leicester Cathedral.

- [Notification had been received that a training session ‘Safeguarding for Leaders C2’ would be held in St Mark’s Church, Openwoodgate, Belper on the 16th July; it would be aimed at Parish Safeguarding Links and associated groups.

16.4.40 Church Path and Faculty Updates.:

- [Church Path. The matter remained outstanding although consultation was now in progress with DDDC and an early outcome was anticipated.
- [Faculty Updates. All outstanding Faculty matters were now with the DAC awaiting approval before implementation.

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

16.4.42 Finance and Stewardship

- [The financial report was presented and is attached to these minutes. There had been an improvement in the loss on finances since the beginning of the year which now stood at £719.55. Nevertheless fund-raising remained a paramount need.
- [Discussion arose as to the amount needed to be kept in reserve funds and whether an additional ‘working account’ should be opened. The matter was to be further discussed at the next meeting.
- [A sum of £5000 was authorised to be transferred from the reserve to the current account.
- [The Gift Day was set for the 22nd October from 10 am to 1pm.

16.4.43 Deanery Synod.

- [The first joint meeting of the members of both Wirksworth and Ashbourne Deanery Synods under the newly formed Carsington Deanery was held on the 9th June 2016; the two Deaneries are to be legally united later by a Bishop’s Pastoral Measure and an Area Dean appointed. A copy of the subsequent briefing is attached to these minutes. It contained a reminder of the purpose of Deanery Synod which is to: debate motions and to refer matters up to Diocesan Synod; to pass on to Parishes information received from the Diocese and to organise joint events: pilgrimages; Services and social functions. Special mention was made of the Deanery ‘Open Meeting’ to be held in St Oswald’s, Ashbourne Parish Room on the 21st July when the new Common Fund Formula would be explained.
- [There was a need to find a replacement for Russell Lane. This could be found from outside the council and in the wider congregation. The matter was to be pursued.

16.4.44 Mission Action Plan.

- [The chairman informed members of a number of forthcoming events, courses and informative literature available for purchase and on line. He invited thought on arranging a future Alpha Course and other outreach ideas.
- [It was reported the Pastoral Group was continuing to go well and that Esther Elliot, diocese lay ministry adviser, would be holding a Pastoral Group training session on the 17th September from 2pm until 4pm

16.4.45 Ecumenical Matters Attendance at Messy Church remains encouragingly high. The theme of the last meeting was taken from Luke 19: 1 to10; Jesus and Zacchaeus. The funds at the end of June were £328.21

16.4.46 Any Other Business

- [A request had been received from the family of the late Denzil Smith to put a memorial seat in the vicinity of the grave. The secretary was to write to DDDC to ascertain there would be no objection in regard to any obstruction to their workmen.

- [An observation had been raised as to the rental of the Village Hall and whether or not applications should be restricted. The matter needed thought and guidance given; it was to be addressed at the next meeting
- [A welcome Service was to be held in Derby Cathedral for the new Bishop of Repton on the 7th September 2016.
- [The recent Flower Festival had been very successful; the church had looked delightfully decorative with the many colourful and imaginative displays. The chairman thanked not only June and Kath in particular for all their hard work in its organisation but all those who helped to welcome all those who visited.

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

16.4.47 The date of the next meeting was confirmed as being Wednesday the 14th September 2016 at 7.30 pm.