

**Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting
Held in the Church on Wednesday the 14th September 2016**

The meeting opened with a reading and prayers

Present:

Reverend Richard Reade(chairman); Bob Ball; Geoff Crapper; Pat Brewster; Kath Cummings; Mary Eatherden; June Greatorex; Hazel Slack; Alan Wilson; Chris Windle and Richard Parkin (secretary).

In attendance: The Rector introduced and welcomed Ann Philips who was considering vocational training and experiencing the work of PCCs. Ann was from All Saints and the welcome was reciprocated by all members of the PCC.

16/5/48 Apologies for Absence: Jean Turner; John Rigarlsford; Val Rigarlsford and the Rev'd Adrian Smith (Methodist representative).

16/5/49 Minutes of Previous Meeting. The minutes of the meeting held on the 13th July 2016 having been previously circulated were accepted as a true record of that meeting and were duly signed by the chairman.

16/5/50 Matters Arising from the Previous Meeting:

[Any work needed in the vestry, particularly concerning damp and flooring, would be investigated further. The Rector was to deposit selected documents stemming from the clearance with the Records Office.

[No progress had been made on the recruitment of a volunteer for the weekly newsletter. The search would continue but meanwhile the Rector kindly undertook to continue its printing until one was found.

[Mary Eatherden gave an outline of the possible format for the future bi-annual magazine. It would consist of eight pages fronted pictorially with each page headed by a quote from the Scriptures. Page articles would be based around Diocesan news; working with Churches Together; personal interviews and items of local history and interest together with advice on future events. It would also contain such things as quizzes, local recipes and ideas for promoting small community gatherings such as Table Talks. Bob Ball and Denys Gaskell had volunteered to help in its production and printing with the first edition aimed at coinciding with the Christmas Festival on the 9th December.

16/5/51. Correspondence:

[Letters had been sent to: Archdeacon Christine in thanks for her support and advice whilst in office; Russell Lane on his resignation from the Deanery Synod and PCC; Mr Smith regarding the placing of a memorial seat (DDDC has no objection) and Ecclesiastical regarding fittings.

[Letters had been received from: Russell Lane in acknowledgment of the PCC's gratitude for his continued evangelical support and work with the successful Steepturnpike Church Summer 2016 activity week; Ecclesiastical regarding church matters in its September Newsletter; Archbishop Sentenau to promote the Development of Prayer.. Notification had been received that the Reverend Canon Tony Kaunhoven, vicar of All Saints Bakewell, had been appointed acting Archdeacon of Chesterfield.

16/5/52 Church Path and Faculty Updates.

[It was noted that: the felling of the two fir trees has been carried out and tarmacing of the path had been completed satisfactorily.

[Faculty approval had been received for the external grab rail to be fitted providing it was extended sufficiently to enable it to be secured straight on to lines of mortar joints. The requisite notice had been posted and no further obstacle to its fitting in due course was envisaged.

[Approval had not been given for fixing the ceramic cross on to the wall opposite the font but there would be no objection to its being mounted as free-standing. A stand would be made to enable this.

16/5/53. Health and Safety. There were no matters under this heading apart from the need to amend the two church wardens' names on the notice. This would be done.

16.5.54 Finance and Stewardship

[The financial report was presented and is attached to these minutes.

[The new Common Fund Formula was explained, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. It is based on the 'Usual Sunday Attendance' and a 'Parish Deprivation Score' and will result in a reduction of some £3000, subject to approval of the 2017 Diocesan Budget. However, there was a request that parishes with reductions should consider 'freezing payments' at their current level. This suggestion was to be considered by the Standing Committee and its conclusion reported to the next meeting.

[The amount needed to be kept in reserve funds and whether an additional 'working account' should be opened was left to the discretion of the treasurer.

[Attention was drawn to two major payments due: the cost of the path and the entrance steps, while the cost of a new projector and any repairs arising from the forthcoming quinquennial inspection also needed to be taken into consideration

16/5/55. Deanery Synod.

[A replacement was still required for Russell Lane

[The Reverend Ballard had been appointed area Dean of Carsington Deanery and preparations for a formal welcome were in hand. Suitable recognition was to be given to the retiring Rural Dean, Canon David Truby, whose work while in office had been outstanding.

16/5/56 Mission Action Plan .

[The chairman notified an initiative called 'Transforming Faith; a new Christian Discipleship'. It was to be held over nine sessions and offered an opportunity to explore faith individually. The chairman encouraged participation, which he would lead, starting on Monday the 10th October at All Saints. In view of the foregoing the formerly proposed Alpha Course would not take place.

[A training session led by Esther Elliot for the Pastoral Group would take place in the church on Saturday the 17th September from 2.00pm until 4.00pm.

16.5./57 Ecumenical Matters.

[The next Messy Church was to be held on the 5th October. The benefits of its reporting on face-book and other outreach media could not be emphasised sufficiently; it was a prime means of promoting and growing Churches Together. Other means toward attaining church growth were interchangeable services such as Harvest Festival, Remembrance and the holding of Quiet Mornings.

[Alan Wilson volunteered to organize this year's Advent chocolate calendars and the Harvest Festival would support the USPG which would be dealing with the conditions of workers on the tea plantations in Sri Lanka, on which a talk was to be given on the 25th September.

16.5/58 Any Other Business

- [Village Hall: it was decided that applications for the rental of the Village Hall were to be dealt with on a case by case basis.
- [The welcome Service held in Derby Cathedral for the new Bishop of Repton on the 7th September had been a joyful occasion.
- [Gift Day. This was set for the 22nd October. Its purpose was to encourage people into church and to this end advertising leaflets needed to be distributed early. Refreshments would be available and one or two stalls set up; one of these would be for books when opportunity would be taken to clear out and dispose of the the stock held in the organ loft,

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 9th November 2016 at 7.30

To consider arranging a future Alpha Course and other outreach ideas

16/5/57 Ecumenical Matters

16/5/58. Any Other Business. To discuss and decide on eligibility for the rental of the Village Hall. To note Holy Trinity is included in O2's list of possible sites to improve its coverage in the area. The Gift Day was set for the 22nd October from 10 am to 1pm.

16/54/59 To confirm the date and time of the next meeting.