

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, TANSLEY

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in church on Thursday, 15th September, 2011.

The meeting, held on the eve of the Feast Day of St Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, was preceded by a reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians and appropriate prayers.

Present: Revd Richard Reade (in the Chair), Pat Brewster, Geoff Crapper, June Greatorex, Russell Lane, Jean Turner, Bob Ball (Secretary) and the meeting welcomed Mike Stanyon as Ecumenical Observer.

1. **Apologies:** Apologies were received from John Rigarlsford, Val Rigarlsford and Chris Windle
2. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Minutes of the meeting of the PCC held on Thursday, 7th July, 2011 were **APPROVED**.

3. Matters arising:

a) Miles Gregory will be asked to provide a design and quotation for cupboards at the West end of church when he returns from holiday, as well as submitting a bill for the Taylor bench.

b) A letter had been sent to Dorothy and an acknowledgment received. Dorothy wishes to provide cream teas in the Village Hall on Sunday, 15th July in 2012. The PCC asked the Secretary to request an official booking from the Village Hall Committee.

c) The Ride & Stride team and stewards were congratulated on having succeeded in raising sponsorship of £130.00 for the Churches and Chapels Preservation Trust.

d) No reference had been found in the Quinquennial Report about the vestry wall being too unstable to support the roof.

e) Derek Goodall had agreed to come and look at the security of locks on Monday, 19th September.

f) The Secretary was asked to send a letter of thanks to Robert and Vicki Raynes for organising a very successful book sale on Bank Holiday Monday.

g) Richard had devised a new service sheet based on the Church of England Morning Prayer for Sundays. The PCC considered it and, subject to the inclusion of the Creed, it was **APPROVED** for use commencing on the first Sunday in October 2011.

4. Correspondence:

a) A letter from Denys Gaskell asked that work on providing shelves and storage space at the West end of the church be expedited. The Secretary was asked to contact David Hazle (who had made and installed the Waterloo area furniture and the cupboard containing the sound equipment) and ask him if he would come and discuss the design of shelving and storage and to give a quotation for making and installing it. This would be additional to the quotation sought from Miles.

b) Vicki Raynes had sent a cheque for £156.25 - the proceeds from the Book Sale - and a letter proposing that the money be spent on purchasing some new tables for use at coffee mornings, exhibitions, etc. The PCC **AGREED** to this proposal in principle and the Churchwardens were asked to investigate possibilities. The Secretary was asked to inform Vicki accordingly.

c) A letter had been received from the Anthony Nolan Trust requesting a donation towards its work funding stem cell transplants. The PCC agreed to consider this when next reviewing its charitable giving.

d) Richard reported that churches were "no longer exempt" from the requirement to purchase a Public Performance Licence. This provision is due to come into effect later in the year.

e) A letter had been received from Rural Action Derbyshire requesting a donation towards the funding of support for the Diocesan Agricultural Chaplain by holding a collection at the Harvest Festival. Whilst acknowledging the good work done by the Chaplain in some areas the PCC felt that it needed to fulfil its commitment to putting the Harvest collection to the USPG project in Myamar.

f) A letter from Dorothy suggesting improvements to the Vestry corridor area for the purpose of disabled access was discussed. Richard agreed to raise the matter with the architect when she carries out the Quinquennial Inspection.

5. Finance: The Treasurer presented the accounts to date [**Copy attached**] and they were duly **APPROVED**. It was noted that the Churchwardens had each personally purchased a Churchwardens' Diary for 2012. The PCC felt that these should be paid for by the PCC and it was **AGREED** that the Treasurer should refund the Churchwardens at a total cost of just under £20.

6. Church clock: The Secretary reported on a letter from Smith of Derby requesting a decision on the electrification of the weight-winding mechanism and the signing of an annual maintenance agreement. After a discussion of the pros and cons, including the costs quoted by Smith of Derby and English Clockmakers, it was **AGREED** not to proceed with electrification nor to sign an annual maintenance agreement for the time being. The condition of the clock would be monitored and an engineer called in when appropriate.

7. Vestry and toilet: Quotations from Ashbrook Roofing and DT Builders for repairs to the Vestry and toilet roofs were considered. As they were proposing different solutions it was **AGREED** that Richard should seek the advice of the architect when she came to do the Quinquennial Inspection before deciding how to proceed.

8. Garden of Remembrance: The Churchwardens and Secretary had met with the Chairman and Clerk of the Parish Council to locate a site in the new cemetery that might be suitable for an extension of the Garden of Remembrance for the burial of ashes. A site in the south-west corner was felt to be most appropriate and the Chairman said that she would ask the Parish Council to consider this and to have the enclosing boundary wall raised. The Secretary was given a plan of the cemetery and the District Council's 'Cemetery Regulations'. The PCC is to consider these and to make any recommendations to the Parish Council if it felt that some part of the Regulations should be amended for use in the any new Garden of Remembrance.

9. PCC meetings 2012: It was agreed that the dates of the 2012 meetings should be 25th January, 28th March, 25th April (APCM), 23rd May, 11th July, 26th September and 28th November.

10. Other matters: June reported that a group was being formed to make arrangements for the Christmas Tree Festival, the theme for which is to be 'Christmas Carols'. A meeting is to be held shortly. It was **AGREED** that **Ecumenical items** should appear regularly as an item on the PCC Agendas

The meeting ended with Prayers at approximately 9.10pm.