

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, TANSLEY

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in church on Wednesday, 23rd May, 2012.

The meeting was preceded by a reading from 2 Corinthians, Ch. 9 and appropriate prayers.

Present: Revd Richard Reade (in the Chair), Revd Dave Battison, Pat Brewster, Geoff Crapper, June Greatorex, Russell Lane, John Rigarlsford, Val Rigarlsford, Jean Turner, Bob Ball (Secretary), Rev. Adrian Smith (Ecumenical Observer)

1. **Apologies:** Hazel Slack, Chris Windle. [*The PCC congratulated Hazel and David on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary*]

2. **Election of Officers:** Richard thanked the Officers for all the work they had done during their past year in Office.

All having been duly nominated the following were elected for the coming year:

Vice-chairman: Val Rigarlsford

Treasurer: Geoff Crapper

Child protection: Chris Maycock (non-PCC)

Health & Safety: Chris Windle (subject to his agreement)

Secretary: Vacant (Bob had indicated his wish to step down from this office, but

there being no nominations from among those present PCC members were asked think of someone with e-mail access who might be prepared to act as Secretary without necessarily becoming a member of the PCC. Bob was thanked for what he had contributed during his time in Office. He agreed to deal with business arising from this meeting and Dave offered to take notes if necessary at the July meeting.) The PCC also supported John in seeking nomination for election to the Diocesan Synod.

3. **Minutes of the last meeting:** Minutes of the meeting of the PCC held on Wednesday, 28th March, 2012 were **APPROVED**.

4. **Matters arising:**

a) A quotation had been received from Ken Burrows Ltd for the installation of an embellished lamp-post to illuminate the south pathway in the sum of £1371.64 + VAT. Ian Atkin had confirmed that his quotation for bollards included all work and materials except trench digging for wiring. The bollards were additional to his quotation. The consensus was that both schemes were perhaps unnecessarily elaborate for purpose. As the nights are lighter now there is time to consider a simpler solution such as suitably designed dual lamps wall mounted on the south side of the church. The Secretary was asked to contact Ken Burrows and Ian Atkin accordingly and to ask Ian to discuss the revised proposals and advise as required. It was noted that the Parish Council were not in a position to help with the funding of any lighting project but that Councillor Steve Flitter might be able to assist from his County Council Community Fund.

b) The Highfield School jazz band was unable to play on the occasion of the cream teas but Cromford Brass Band had agreed to play from 1.30pm for part of the day for a fee of £50.00. The Youlgreave Brass Band has been booked to perform at the same event in 2013.

c) On a proposition by June, seconded by Russell it was unanimously **AGREED** to proceed with the ordering of furniture and fittings for the West end of the church as designed and quoted for by David Hazle – long cupboard £2158.00; small cupboard £1440.00; sloping display shelf £150.00; pamphlet display boxes £15.00. It was decided to order brass memorial plaques separately following consultation with Mrs Uprichard's family as to the wording. The Acting Secretary was authorised to place the order with Mr Hazle.

5. **Correspondence:** A letter had been received from Smith of Derby regarding an annual maintenance contract for the church clock. There was an offer of an annual contract in the sum of £150.00 + VAT compared with a previous offer of £186.00 + VAT which had been rejected by the

PCC. The letter pointed out that an emergency call-out fee of £250.00 + VAT would apply if there was no service agreement. Following a long discussion no positive conclusion was reached and it was decided to hold to the original decision but to review the position in twelve month's time. The Acting Secretary was asked to write to Smith of Derby accordingly.

5. Financial matters: The Treasurer presented the accounts for the current year to date [**Copy attached**] which were **APPROVED**. It was noted that there was an excess of income of £6.13, a situation that was unlikely to be sustained. The FOTC account currently stands at £3135.00. Geoff reported that the Diocese had supplied him with a new free accounting computer program. He will trial the program alongside the existing system which he is using.

6. Application for Faculty: A resolution as follows was proposed by June Greatorex and seconded by Pat Brewster:

“1. To carry out repairs recommended in the Quinquennial Inspection report including stripping existing felt from Vestry passageway and toilet roofs and re-covering with two layers of torch-on felt with ubiflex flashings around edges, repairing cast iron fall pipes, re-plastering and decorating the toilet, and lifting and re-laying the front slabs at the entrance steps;

2. To remove and sell the two pews in the Baptistry corner,

all in accordance with the estimate dated 10th November 2011 from DT Builders as amended by the e-mail dated 20th March 2012 from the Revd Richard Reade, the ground plan and photographs.”

On being put to the vote the motion was carried with **9 for** and **1 abstention**. It was noted that the pews had been formally valued at £50.00 (small pew) and £40.00 (larger pew).

7. Mission Action Plan: Ideas for action were discussed including:

Holding out-of-church services on village green or in a pub for example;
Develop ‘Fresh Expressions’ in Tansley;
Get involved in community activities without waiting to be asked;
Plan things to do and carry plans out;
Harvest Festival on a farm;
Prayer hour for MAP (provisionally fixed for 23rd September);
New pew cushions throughout;
A Biblical base for all our activities;
Prayer and sacramental worship.

It was agreed that MAP activity be a standing item on future PCC Agendas.

8. Friends of Tansley Church (FOTC): PCC members were given a draft constitution for FOTC based on the major discussion held at the last PCC meeting. Members were asked to take it away and give some thought to it in preparation for the next meeting in July. In the meantime John agreed to call for a meeting of the present FOTC Committee and to send out a letter, based on his draft to all current FOTC subscribers,

9. Flower Festivals: All Saints’ had offered a budget of £25.00 to Kath Cummins for Holy Trinity’s contribution to their Jubilee Flower Festival. The PCC **AGREED** to supplement this with a further £10.00. It was further proposed to invite the flower arrangers at All Saints’ to contribute an arrangement to our Flower Festival in July and to offer a budget of £25.00 if they accepted. This was **APPROVED** by the PCC and June agreed to make the invitation known.

10. Ecumenical matters: Adrian thought that the Methodists might like to be involved in the Flower Festival and the PCC agreed that they should be formally invited to do so.

The meeting ended with The Grace at approximately 9.10pm.