

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, TANSLEY

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in church on Wednesday, 25th January, 2012.

The meeting was preceded by a reading and prayers appropriate for the Feast of the Conversion of St Paul.

Present: Revd Richard Reade (in the Chair), Revd David Battison (Curate), Pat Brewster, Geoff Crapper, June Greator, Russell Lane, John Rigarlsford, Val Rigarlsford, Jean Turner, Chris Windle, Bob Ball (Secretary). The meeting welcomed Revd Adrian Smith as Ecumenical Observer.

1. Apologies: All present.

2. Minutes of the last meeting: Minutes of the meeting of the PCC held on Thursday, 10th November, 2011 were **APPROVED**. In addition the Minutes of a meeting of the Standing Committee held on 30th November, 2011 were **APPROVED**

3. Matters arising:

a) A lightweight, portable table has been identified and is available from Argos at a reasonable price. It was **AGREED** that one should be purchased as a trial and if found suitable, then the Treasurer is to purchase an additional three.

b) The organisers of the beautiful and successful Christmas Tree Festival were congratulated. It was **AGREED** to hold another one in 2012 from 8th - 12th December but with reduced hours of opening. The Curbar Choir are to be invited to perform in church on Saturday, 8th December. There will also be a carol service on Tuesday, 11 December. The Dronfield Handbell Ringers may be invited to give a concert on one evening during the Festival. It was noted that £404.34 was raised. Only £10.00 had been spent. It was **AGREED** that £50.00 should be ring-fenced to set up the 2012 Festival.

c) It was confirmed that a meeting to review the Mission Action Plan and consider its development will be held on Saturday, 10 March from 1pm - 1.30pm. Dave asked for the MAP to be put on the church website. It was understood that it had been put on the site but the Secretary was asked to check with Denys.

d) Geoff had attended a public meeting at which proposals for a village celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee were aired. The main event is to be held on Monday, 4th June. There will be a bring-your-own picnic at 4pm and dressing in the 1950s style is to be encouraged. There will be a bar, bands, cream teas and maybe a dance and fireworks later. The Scarecrow Competition in 2012 will have a Royalty theme.

e) Richard updated the PCC with details of the action taken following the meeting of the Standing Committee.

4. Correspondence:

a) A letter with prayer card and pamphlets from the Leprosy Mission were received. It was decided to place them at the back of the church for information.

b) A letter from Marion was read out. It concerned the difficulty of finding sufficient people from an ageing congregation to operate a weekly cleaning rota and recommended that someone be employed at the minimum wage to clean weekly or fortnightly. The PCC felt that other options should be explored first, including the possibility of continuing to use volunteers to do light cleaning fortnightly but to engage professional cleaners to do a thorough clean at, say, quarterly intervals. The Churchwardens are to contact Gwen Warlow at All Saints' to learn from their experience of a similar system.

c) Notes on the application of the CCL (licence for copyright) have been received. It was decided that it would necessary to have a record book - to be kept in the sound system cupboard -for making a note of occasions when CDs were used other than during worship.

5. Financial matters: The Treasurer presented the final accounts for 2011 which showed a deficit for the year of £1982 [**Copy attached**]. On a resolution, proposed by Jean Turner seconded by Pat Brewster, to accept them, it was **AGREED** to submit them for audit in preparation for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

6. West end project: PCC members considered designs for cupboards and shelves provided by David Hazle [**copy attached**]. On a proposition by Jean Turner, seconded by Pat Brewster, it was **AGREED** to proceed with the purchase of a work station/bookstore (£1200), two short counters (£1200) and one magazine slope (£150) at a total cost of £2550*. The Secretary was asked to contact Mr Hazle* accordingly and establish when the work might be carried out. [*Subsequently Mr Hazle advised on an alternative design and also pointed out that the counters were £1200 each, thus increasing the total cost to £3750 and the Secretary recommended that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee for resolution.*]

7. Extension of sound system: Experience of the use of microphones at the Christingle Service led to consideration being given to the provision of a second lapel mic. Denys had produced a report on alternative technical requirements and the likely costs. The PCC felt that initially the provision of one extra lapel mic was adequate which would allow the use of either two lapel mics at the same time or just one lapel mic plus the hand-held mic. The Secretary was asked to arrange for some input from the company who supplied the original equipment in regard to this solution but also to seek their advice on what would be needed to supply and fit an overhead microphone in the Chancel area.

8. Charitable giving: Richard talked about a programme called DISHA which was organised by the SPCK in India to provide courses, training and other resources designed to empower Indian women. He felt that it was worthy of support. The PCC agreed that it was a worthy cause but any money to be given to SPCK India should come from a specific future fund-raising event.


9. Mission Action Plan: Richard reviewed the current position and highlighted that fact that a Communications Group had yet to be founded. Dave talked about "Fresh Expressions" which is a form of outreach for Christian activities in a neutral (i.e. non-church) location. All Saints' School had been a guinea pig for an event prior to Christmas and it had been received enthusiastically. Dave has talked to Tracy at Tansley Primary School and it was hoped to roll this idea forward with the school in a couple of months, hopefully in conjunction with the Methodist Church. Richard reported that there was a Diocesan Mission Fund from which it might be possible to obtain a grant. To further the MAP the PCC **AGREED**, on a proposition by Geoff, seconded by John, to ring-fence £1000 in the 2012 budget for advertising, materials, etc., as a stimulant for communication.

8. Ecumenical matters: Adrian reported that the Lent Course for 2012 was not yet available but a USPG course had been identified to be used if necessary. Adrian will be the preacher at the Ash Wednesday Service on 22nd February. The Mothering Sunday Service is at the chapel this year on 18th March at 10.30am.

9. Other matters: It was **AGREED** that some lighting should be provided to illuminate the path on the south side of the church. The Secretary was asked to contact Ian Atkin and seek his advice. He was also to be asked to look at the wiring on the beam above the Chancel and at the spotlight at the west end of the church.

It was noted that the 'Cheese and Chatter' evening will be held this year at All Saints' Vicarage on 26th April at 7pm

The meeting ended with The Grace at approximately 9.20pm.

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