

# HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, TANSLEY

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in Church on Wednesday 26 September 2012 at 7.30 pm. The meeting was preceded by prayers and a reading from the New Testament.

## **Present:**

Revd Richard Reade (Chair), Revd Dave Battison, Bob Ball, Geoff Crapper, June Greatorex, Russell Lane, John Rigarlsford, Val Rigarlsford, Hazel Slack, .

## **1. CO-OPTION AND APPOINTMENT OF PCC SECRETARY**

It was proposed by Russell Lane that Pauline Goult should be co-opted onto the PCC to take up the role of secretary to replace Bob Ball who had relinquished the role after many years' service. The appointment was agreed unanimously.

## **2. APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Pat Brewster, Jean Turner and Chris Windle.

## **3. MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2012 were signed by the Chair as a true record.

## **4. MATTERS ARISING**

### **3c) Matters Arising**

It was agreed that monitoring of the church clock should be on going and a record kept of any discrepancies to see if a pattern emerged. The PCC were unhappy with the style of the light in the quotation for the outside light but Ken Burrows Ltd would not submit a further quotation until a definite decision was made by the PCC to go ahead.

### **4 Correspondence**

Five churches were visited in the Ride 'n' Stride event which took place on 8 September and £85 was raised from sponsorship. The cut-off date for sealed bids for the sale of two church pews is 24 October 2012.

### **7 Friends of Tansley Church (FOTC) Constitution**

The search for a suitable candidate for the role of Chair is ongoing.

### **8 Burial Ground**

The burial ground will be closed on 8 and 9 October whilst the live electrical cable is removed at no cost to the Church.

### **9 Ecumenical Matters**

The Harvest celebrations went well and the Giving was donated to the "DISHA" project. The project attempts to overcome the lack of opportunities for women from the rural and urban poor in India with an education and employment programme.

## **5. CORRESPONDENCE**

The following letters had been received by Revd Reade:

### **a) Wedding Flower Service**

Only Marion Ball and Kath Cummings are remaining of the original group of church members who have worked together to provide the Wedding Flower Service over the last 27 years and due to ongoing health problems they have both reluctantly decided to resign. The secretary was asked to prepare a letter of thanks for all their hard work over the years and Denys Gaskell to be asked to remove the relevant section from the church website.

**b) Use of Organ**

Marion Ball has suggested that a chance should be offered for others, at a standard equivalent to at least Grade 3 or 4, to play the church organ. The PCC agreed that this could go ahead but only under supervision.

**c) Retirement as PCC Secretary - letter from Bob Ball**

Bob thanked the PCC for the devotional book given to him on the occasion of his retirement as PCC secretary.

**6. FINANCE**

The Treasurer presented the accounts for the current year to date (copy attached). It was noted there was a £1,899.28 loss from the start of the year. The FOTC account currently stands at £3,242.

A note had been received from Dorothy Toplis regarding 3e) of the March minutes drawing to the PCC's attention that the £75 had been raised from the sale of Christmas greeting cards. However, the PCC agreed to leave the entry under the general heading of 'cards'.

**a) Diocesan Stewardship Road Show**

Revd Reade told the meeting he would be attending the Diocesan Stewardship Road Show being held on 19 November 2012 at Swanwick and he invited any interested PCC members to join him.

**b) Repair of Chalice**

A quote for £180 had been received for repair of the Chalice which would take 4-6 weeks to complete. After discussion regarding repair or replacement, Bob Ball proposed that the repair go ahead. All agreed with one abstention. It was noted insurance would pay for the repair less £100 excess.

**7. MISSION ACTION PLAN**

**a) Family Service**

It was suggested that the PCC should look at the family service as a route to bring in new members. A new Digital Projector would be helpful for the family service and it was suggested that an application be put into the Ernest Bailey Trust to help finance this. John Rigarlsford agreed to forward the relevant application form to Revd Reade for completion.

**b) Hour of Prayer**

The PCC agreed that the next Hour of Prayer should be held in the church at 11 am on 2 March 2013. Suggestions received following the first Hour of Prayer in September were for prayers to be led but also an hour of quiet was appreciated by others. Prayer guidance for the Hour of Prayer is available in the Church if required.

**8. HEALTH AND SAFETY**

**a) Entrance Sign**

As suggested by Chris Windle and agreed by the PCC, Russell Lane agreed to place a sign warning of 'different and uneven surfaces' in the Church entrance following an accident during the Flower Festival.

**b) Evacuation Plan**

It was agreed to consult with Chris Windle on the way forward.

**c) Exit Sign**

It was agreed that a sign should be sourced and placed on the wall beside the Vestry door indicating the presence of an emergency exit.

**d) Fire Extinguishers**

The PCC thanked Russell Lane for his work in checking and bringing the fire extinguishers up to date at the most advantageous cost.

**e) Paperwork**

Check paperwork is up to date and signed.

**9. AUTUMN PLANS**

**a) Remembrance Day**

The Remembrance Day services will be held on Sunday 11 November 2012. The morning service will be taken by Revd Reade and the afternoon service by Revd Battison. The format for the afternoon service will be decided at the Interchurches Committee meeting to be held on Wednesday 17 October 2012.

**b) Church Gift Day**

The Church Gift Day will be held in the Village Hall on Saturday 13 October 10am-12 noon. Envelopes would be going out to each property in the village and notification to go on Hotwire. It was agreed that individuals could rent tables for fund raising at £5 each.

**c) Sung Matins At Holy Trinity Tansley**

There would be a sung Matins at Holy Trinity on Sunday 7 October 2012 at 9.15 am accompanied by All Saints Church Choir.

**10. DEANERY SYNOD REPORT**

Revd Reade circulated the Deanery Synod Report written by John Rigarlsford.

Points to note:

- Funds are available (£50-£100) to help with MAPs.
- The Parish Buying Service has been set up to enable Parishes to obtain discounts, e.g. utilities, stationery, etc.
- Bishop's Visitation - Bishop Alastair will be at St John's Church, Walton on Tuesday 16 October 2012.

**11. ECUMENICAL**

Ways are always being sought of encouraging children to become involved in the church and one way that is being used successfully by some churches is 'Messy Church'. Training for this is will be held at St Barnabas, Danesmoor on Saturday 24 November 10am-12.30pm. 'Messy Church' is a successful way to involve children but it is time consuming to organise the events and requires the involvement of many people. The Head teacher is sympathetic towards hosting any children's work at the School. Members from the Methodist Church are also interested in working jointly on this issue.

**12. PCC MEETING**

The next PCC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 28 November 2012 at 7.30pm in the Church.

The meeting ended with The Grace at 9.05pm.