

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON MONDAY 18TH JANUARY 2010**

Present: Fr Mike, Margaret Symonds (Churchwarden), Richard Spurgeon (Churchwarden), David Hodgens, Dawn Hyett, Lindsay Chalk (Deanery Synod), Colin Monk, Linda Wainwright (Deanery Synod), Barbie Lloyd, Candy Williams, Dick Handy, Carol McKells (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

ACTION

1. **Apologies for absence:**

Fr Timon (Asst Curate), Tony Rice-Oxley, John Towns, David Palmer, Julia Spurgeon

Fr Mike handed out a revised agenda as it had been necessary to add some items which needed urgent attention.

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 16th December**

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**

None

4. **Treasurer's Report**

Carol gave the following report:

Income

Donations via green envelopes are slightly under the hoped for budget but S/O and pink envelopes together have more than compensated for this.

Donations include the £2,000 legacy from the late Lilian Marland, together with £584.50 from the 100 Club.

Sales of plants and bulbs amounted to £280 and votive sales £92.15.

Fundraising shows £1,571.37 Bazaar proceeds, £607 additional shop sale proceeds and £100 also due from the gift aided shop sales.

Loose plate has certainly benefited from the introduction of the mid-service collection, as did the pink envelopes.

Magazine sales show £46.72 from the collection box in the Church lobby and £47.32 was received for photocopying.

Outgoing

Admin outgoing includes £20 for the Lotteries Licence and £40 advertising in the local newspaper. Church maintenance shows £410 to Jacksons for electrical work.

ACTION

Assigned fees out shows Q4 payment which brings 2009 payments due to the Diocese fully paid.

I have shown the cashed £5,000 from Investment account on the income side and on the outgoing side £3560 shows, being the repaid Hall loan, as discussed at PCC in November.

As these are the end of year figures, please bear in mind that they are likely to change once other funds are amalgamated and any other end of year payments which may be due but not yet recorded. With this in mind, £683.87 will be added to the Investment interest, which was paid to the LTSB account.

I am due to contact Gordon Beer shortly, once all the figures have been processed.

Linda said that the total amount sent to the Children's Society was £437 which is about the same as last year.

5. **The Quinquennial**

a) **Receive report from Architect**

Tony had circulated the report from Daniel Forshaw which is a result of his two visits. Dick said that there are no surprises in there. With regard to the asbestos it will be necessary to have specialists in to ascertain whether it is asbestos and if so have it safely removed. The PCC accepted that we have received the report and are happy for Carol to pay him for this report. Proposed David Hodgens, seconded by Colin Monk and agreed unanimously.

Carol

b) **Appoint Engineer as per report**

Daniel Forshaw suggested that we appoint a Structural Engineer from P J Davies Associates Ltd, Chartered Structural Engineers. Nothing can actually happen until a Structural Engineer has been appointed. The PCC also agreed to get Daniel Forshaw to prepare a specification for Faculty approval and seek tenders for the project. This was proposed by Dick Handy and seconded by Margaret Symonds and agreed unanimously. There was discussion about whether the VAT would be charged at 15% or 17.5%.

QQ/F&F

c) **Establish QQ Works Committee (possible F& F?)**

Discussion took place on whether to set up a separate sub committee for fundraising for Quinquennial work but it was agreed that it should be kept within the QQ and Fabric and Finance Committee as it would probably be the same people on both sub committees. It was recognised that it would be necessary to pull other people in for bigger fundraising events as we are probably looking at £20-£25K as the first target and possibly as much as £30-£40K. The tower is only the start and once that is done all the other work will need to be addressed. It was proposed that the Works Committee and QQ Finance Committee will come under QQ and Fabric and Finance Sub Committee. This was proposed

ACTION

- by David Hodgens and seconded by Colin Monk and agreed unanimously. Fr Mike suggested at the next meeting they should write a paper to hand out to the congregation explaining exactly what needs doing and how much it is likely to cost so that they know what is going on. The next meeting is Tuesday next week.
- d) **Establish QQ Finance Committee**
This will also come under QQ and Fabric and Finance Sub Committee and payment will go through normal PCC accounts.
6. **Other Urgent Works**
- a) **Altar Ramp**
The need for a ramp to go up the altar step so wheelchairs can then go through to the disabled toilet has been discussed at previous meetings. Tony has found a made to measure one for £199 + VAT but Dick said the Mobility Shop in the precinct does a variable one for about £245. After discussion Richard proposed that we go for the variable one from the Mobility Shop. This was seconded by Linda and agreed unanimously. Barbie has contacts at the Mobility Shop in Portchester as well so she and Dick will look into it. The PCC agreed that they were happy for them to spend up to £300.
- b) **Damaged guttering**
The PCC agreed that this was necessary work and Richard will action G T Lympany to replace the guttering. If it comes to over £1,000 he will refer to the Standing Committee.
7. **Haiti Emergency Appeal**
It was agreed that we will appeal for donations over the next 3 weeks and this will be paid via Christian Aid.
8. **Deanery Consultation Document**
Fr Mike handed out this document. He said that you may have read in Pompey Chimes that a group within the Diocese has been looking at possible future ways of providing Ministry across the Diocese because of the lack of stipendiary clergy, ie a shortage of incumbents. The Diocese is working on a plan for the future and there are 4 models which parishes have been asked to consider. Fr Mike suggested a special one off meeting for anyone who wants to take part. There is a short turn round time so needs to be soon. It was agreed that this will take place at The Vicarage on 2nd February at 8.30 pm.
9. **Committee Reports**
- a) Fabric and Finance + Quinquennial
Meet next week
- b) 40th Anniversary
Postponed due to weather.
- c) Pastoral
Meet next month
- d) Hall
Meet Wednesday
- QQ/F&F
- QQ/F&F
- BL/DH
- RS
- Fr Mike
- Anyone interested

ACTION

- e) Fundraising
Not met.
- f) Social
Not met.
- g) Deanery Synod
Not met

Charities Committee

Due to snow this Committee has not met and will report to the next PCC. It was agreed to reschedule this for 2nd February at The Vicarage at 7.15 pm before the Deanery Consultation Document meeting at 8.30 pm.

Fr Mike/
BL /LW /
CW / MS

10. **Church Garden Upkeep**

Nothing received from David Cavey so Fr Mike will chase it up. Richard said he would appreciate some advice from gardeners about the camellia bush which has been damaged in the snow. Carol said that Steve will meet him next Sunday and look at it.

Fr Mike

RS

11. **Correspondence**

Jane had received an e-mail from the Diocesan Investment Advisory Group with a template of guidance for parishes. A copy was handed out to everyone and will be kept on file.

12. **Future PCC Meetings**

a) **Is extraordinary meeting needed for QQ?**

Not at the moment.

b) **Date change due to Lent Course for next PCC**

The Lent course is due to be held on Tuesday nights during Lent and as the next PCC meeting was due to take place on Tuesday 23rd February it was agreed to change this to **Monday 1st March** following the **7.30 pm** Eucharist.

All to note
new date

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.50 pm