

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON MONDAY 6TH JUNE 2011**

Present: Fr Mike, Fr Timon (Asst Curate), Richard Spurgeon (Churchwarden), Dick Handy (Churchwarden), Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Linda Wainwright, Anne Morgan, Abi Morgan, Sheilah Hall, Tony Rice-Oxley, Marian Haughton, Sandra Hewett, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

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1. **Apologies for absence:**
Lindsay Chalk, Dawn Hyett, Carol McKells

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 17th May**
Page 1 & 2 – “Vulnerable Persons” should read “Vulnerable Adults”.
The minutes were then signed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**
 - Page 3, Item 8 – Carol McKells is buying the wine for Gordon Beer and Dawn said that it will be given to him at the Last Night of the Proms. Carol
 - Page 5, Item 16 – Dick has asked the gardener to buy the snowdrops but these have to be bought “in the green” and will be planted in the spring. Fr Timon will inform Malcolm Walford. Fr Timon
 - Fr Mike advised that the new organist is entitled to 3 Sundays off a year which will be paid. If she wants any others off she will need to pay the stand in organist herself.

4. **Church Finances**
 - a) **Treasurer’s Report**
Dawn gave the following report:

Looking on the income side:-

We have received the gift aid tax refund of £2820.75 which relates to Quarter 1.

Donations include £250 donated by Marina Walford’s husband and £60.98 from a baptism and £180.50 from a funeral. However half of these collections were donated to Naomi House and Alzheimer’s Research and that has been included in Ex-ordinary outgoings.

£145 for sales relates to plants.

Liturgical donations included £77.25 from votive sales.

We have received £103.50 (after deducting the initial £10) from the £10 challenge, and this is included in QQ fundraising.

Included in Extra-ordinary income is £55 for Cecil’s collection.

On the expenditure side:-

Fees paid out have gone over budget by a long way due to the additional expenditure we incurred with Cecil’s illness.

Church maintenance includes £124.50 relating to our microphones and

keys being cut for Stella and Don. (Fr Mike advised that we may have to spend out money on the microphones as they are all playing up).

QQ costs relate to the roof repair.

Extra-ordinary outgoings included £98.24 to charities as already mentioned and £200 for Cecil's gift.

b) **Charities Treasurer's Report**

Linda said there is nothing to report as the Christian Aid collection is still ongoing.

c) **Fabric and Finance Committee Report**

The minutes of the meeting on 1st June have already been circulated. Dick advised that the next bit of repair work is the re-pointing of the chapel brickwork and this should not be a high cost item. He has e-mailed Daniel to get his approval for us to get a couple of quotes to get the work done.

5. **Pastoral Committee Report**

Not met – next meeting 27th June.

6. **Hall Committee Report**

The minutes of the meeting on 19th May have already been circulated. Jane read out a short report from Lindsay as follows:

Colin has stepped down as Chairman but is happy to be co-opted. Lindsay has taken over as Chairman. Jane is Minute Secretary, Sheilah is Booking Secretary and David was co-opted as Treasurer. He wished the PCC to be aware that he would like to step down next year.

Colin has updated the booking form and it was decided that if there is a one off booking, payment in full will be required at the time of booking.

There was a complaint made regarding the state of the hall on Monday mornings with chairs left out and a dirty floor and this is being sorted.

Colin has now arranged for a scrap metal man to remove the bell tower.

The red chairs in the loft over the committee room which have been there for many years will be sold and the money given to the repair fund or if not sold given to the charity shop.

7. **Future of Parish Magazine**

Tony said there has not been a meeting for around 2 years. The committee consists of Tony, John Johnson and Lynn Winter, who takes the notes. Circulation has gone down to about 180 mainly due to the fact that Babs and her daughters have stopped delivering 80-100 copies. Decision needs to be taken about the future of the magazine and a meeting needs to be held and Tony would like a couple of people from PCC to attend. Dick said he is happy to sit in on the discussions that get it sorted out. If anyone else would like to join please let Tony know.

Tony said thanks should go to John who has quietly got on with it over the last couple of years but it is a huge amount of work. One suggestion

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is to up the number of copies to 500 and distribute them by giving members of the congregation 10-20 to deliver free in their road as an outreach. Barbie said the content would become an important issue if we are looking at half the distribution going to a different audience. An idea might be to add a sheet about the various clubs running and try and get the clubs to write an article or include the welcome leaflet.

It takes John about 3 hours to run off 200 copies so he would need to get more people on board to help him if we increase the number to 500. Tony said at the moment advertising brings in about £900 a year and it would cost about £450 a year to produce 500 copies each time.

8. **Discussion about Women Bishops**

Barbie and Candy have their first Synod meeting next month which will include a discussion about Women Bishops and wanted a feel of the PCC's views. Dick said this is a very emotive subject as people will remember from discussions on women priests previously and during the interregnum. Tony thinks this is a done deal anyway. Fr Mike said that the proposal going to Deanery Synod cannot be altered. Linda thinks they will be looking at the legality of it all rather than people's opinions. The same question is being asked across the country. Final decision rests with Parliament. Fr Mike said there was a meeting back in February when all the various issues were explained and which was attended by members of our congregation.

9. **Plans affecting Church Car Park**

Dick said they have spoken to the Architect regarding the new Sainsburys which will be built in the old coach works. This will look like Tesco at Havant with a car park underneath and the tip will move to the MDA and a petrol station built in its place. He advised that the underpass will stay but the sloping ramp will be filled in up to street level and only the steps will remain to the underpass. This will then all be resurfaced. John Williams has provided us with a very helpful paper on what surfaces should and should not be used and this will be included in our response to the Architect. There will be a puffin crossing across the dual carriageway with traffic lights and a gradual sloping ramp which will be used by people with prams, electric buggies etc. They did say to the Architect that this would attract kids on bikes and skateboarders. We asked the Architect to think about re-building our wall at the same time or extending our car park and he will think about this.

The Architect asked us to consent in principle to this work which we are happy to do but will make the following points:

- People in buggies will come straight over the road into our car park which will be dangerous
- Include John's points about surfacing
- Possible rebuild of our wall / extension of the car park

10. **Other Committee Reports**

a) **40th Anniversary**

Linda was thanked for putting this financial statement together and everyone has received a copy. Fr Timon explained about the proposed charity donations. Tony congratulated the 40th Committee on making this amount of money. Barbie thought it would be good to include £100

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to The Rowans in memory of Jules who played a part in the Christmas tree festival. This was proposed by Dick, seconded by Barbie and agreed unanimously and this money will now be sent to the charities. Richard asked about the purchase of the mugs not showing up on this statement and Linda explained that these were bought before she took over as Treasurer and Dawn paid for them through the PCC and the 40th paid this money back to the PCC from money raised at the Fun Day.

Linda

b) **Social**

- Strawberry Sparkle on 26th June. As this is just after the WMF a lot of people are away so if you are able to go please buy a ticket.
- Fr Ray's 40th anniversary of ordination on 29th June. There will be a service followed by a social in the hall. Colin has cleared this with TS Active.

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c) **Fundraising**

- Just a reminder that the shop is coming up and raises nearly one-third of the total fundraising budget for the year. This is not the easiest thing to organise and we have not yet settled on a date. Tony said their daughter is expecting her baby at around the same time so Jane could be dashing off at short notice so will need someone to hand over to in case this happens.
- In case anyone has forgotten it is the Summer Fete on Saturday!

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11. **Deanery Synod Report**

Not met.

12. **Correspondence**

Fr Mike had a couple of items:

- Fr Ray's 40th ordination celebration. Temporarily removed
- When people book a wedding at St George's we charge them a £100 non-refundable deposit. In the last few days Fr Mike has had 2 people cancel their wedding. One is the son of the hall cleaner and he has asked for his deposit back. Fr Mike wondered if we should refund part or all of this as he is connected to the church. After discussion it was agreed as a gesture of goodwill to refund the full amount of £100.

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Jane

7. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 13th July 2011** following the 7.30 pm Eucharist.

Fr Mike

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There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20 pm