

# MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2012

**Present:** Fr Mike, Linda Wainwright (Churchwarden), Dick Handy (Churchwarden), Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Pat Mitchell (Charities Treasurer), Anne Morgan, Geoff Davies, Carol McKells, Tony Rice-Oxley, Colin Monk, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

## ACTION

1. **Apologies for absence:**

Lindsay Chalk, Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Rachel Palmer, Abi Morgan, Sheilah Hall, Sandra Hewett, Richard Spurgeon (invited)

Fr Mike welcomed Pat Mitchell to her first meeting as Charities Treasurer.

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> October**

Page 2, Item 5 – the action should be for Linda and not Dawn.

The minutes were signed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising**

Page 3, Item 8 – Tony unable to take back the comments on the speed debating as he was unable to attend the Standing Committee.

Page 4, Item 12 – still need to look for a small surplice for the boat boy/girl.

Page 4, Item 12 – Fr Mike said that we are now signed up to the “My Waterlooville” website although St George’s don’t yet appear and John Johnson is working on it.

Page 4, Item 12 – we have paid our £37.50 towards the advertisement in The Directory and will not advertise in The News as well.

Fr Mike

4. **Church Finances**

a) **Treasurer’s Report**

Dawn gave the following report:

Income

- In donations is £521.20 from the legacies mentioned at the last PCC meeting and £82.95 from Baptisms.
- Fundraising includes £100 from Bonusball.
- Extraordinary income is the amount reimbursed from the Diocese for the refreshments provided at the Bishop’s meeting.
- We have received a statement from the United Trust Bank and we have earned £48.89 interest since we invested the £10,000 in August.

Expenditure

- Admin includes £30.07 spent to set up the parish administrator and £135.95 for the broadband and year’s line rental.
- Church maintenance includes £163 for the new microphone. [The man from Technical Services came on Monday to service these and to look at the screeching noise. He said the squelching need turning down but he needs to know which microphone stops it. Fr Mike says he knows which one it is and can show him].
- £513 was paid to the Diocese for the assigned fees received for quarter 3.

Fr Mike

## ACTION

- £25 in extraordinary expenditure was the £25 paid to the church hall from the donation received from Len Palmer regarding Pat's funeral.

Tony said people would notice a drop in income to date as against the budget. This is because this quarter's gift aid, auction and bazaar are still to be added.

### b) **Charities Treasurer's Report**

Pat reported that:

- Havant Home Start raised £143.20.
- Portsmouth Samaritans raised £149.21. Cheque will be signed tonight.

Both the above had received £50 from Wednesday coffee mornings.

- Historic Churches have raised £30.13 so far.

Linda said that she has the signatory forms ready.

### c) **Fabric and Finance Committee Report**

The minutes were circulated this afternoon. Dick went through the main points.

- On 23<sup>rd</sup> November there will be a walk around the church to make a list of jobs that need to be done next year.
- Dick said the porch is now complete. We will need to pay in the first instance and the insurance company will refund all but the excess.
- There was a working party in church this morning to replace light bulbs. Fr Mike said thank you to these people.
- Gallery rail does not meet with current safety standards – it is 6" too low. On-going discussions are taking place with Daniel, the Architect. A lot of money is being spent out before any actual work has taken place and Dick has gone back to Daniel to find out what his bill is likely to be. Daniel will be arranging an investigation into the base structure.
- Redecoration of the church - quotes received between £6K and £10K. Would like to go with the cheaper quote but the Architect has not heard of the company so is looking into it.

Dick

### Budget for 2013

This budget has been prepared by Fabric and Finance. This had been sent to members of the PCC but further copies were handed out. Dick went through this and Fr Mike explained what "Fees to be assigned" meant. An error was pointed out on Gas expenditure which should read £600 not £60. This will slightly alter the Ex for repairs at the bottom of the expenditure page and Tony will send a revised copy to Jane to go out with the PCC minutes. It was pointed out that the hall pays for all the main heating in the church. The PCC were asked to approve this budget. This was proposed by Dick Handy, seconded by Dawn Trimby and agreed unanimously.

Tony / Jane

### Fees for 2013

Fr Mike handed out a sheet for Fees for 2013 explaining that despite previous worries the overall fee for weddings and funerals had not gone up by much. Dick Handy proposed that we accept the fees as documented on the sheet handed out, this was seconded by Linda Wainwright and agreed unanimously.

5. **Pastoral Committee Report**

Next meets on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November.

6. **Hall Committee Report**

Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> November have already been circulated. 4 quotes were received for the redecoration of the hall, two around £6K and 2 around £10K. Put aside the 2 at £10K and considered the other 2. The cheapest one – Stuart decorating – was chosen and he will come in on Friday at 10am to explain what he will be doing. The main hall and kitchen will be out of action from Christmas to 12<sup>th</sup> January. Written to all the regular users and offered an alternative venue – the church - and most have been very understanding. The other rooms will be done straight afterwards and it should all be finished by the end of January. The PCC's approval is required for this budget of £6K for redecoration of the hall. This was proposed by Tony Rice-Oxley, seconded by Colin Monk and agreed unanimously. Fr Mike said a big thank you to the hall committee for sorting this out and to Sheilah's husband, Peter.

Complaints have been received by users of the hall regarding vagrants who are hanging around the side porch. The police have been rung and we are on a high priority list and the beat bobby will visit regularly and the local council are involved. We have been told to ring 101 to report any drinking in the churchyard. It is obviously undesirable for people to drink in the church and illegal to smoke.

7. **Other Committee Reports**

a) **Social**

Not met

b) **Fundraising**

Not met

8. **Deanery Synod Report**

Not met

9. **Update on Youth Club**

8 leaders - Fr Mike, Lynda Sheffield, Richard Spurgeon, Julia Spurgeon, Lorraine Shakshef, Lynn Winter, Sonia Pask and Helen Wilkes – met and came up with a plan for the new Youth Club which will start in January. In the first instance this will be for church children from Y6 to Y9 – there are 11 at present. Fr Mike handed out the programme which has been sent to the children who have been invited to come up with a name. Tony advised that there is £850 left in the youth club account which will be handed over to get the new one started. At the moment the money is in Santander so Tony will close this account and give the money to Lynda Sheffield. There will be 3 signatories on the new account – Lynda Sheffield, Lynn Winter and Lorraine Shakshef. As this is an approved PCC activity the PCC needs to approve it. This was proposed by Tony Rice-Oxley, seconded by Barbie Lloyd and agreed unanimously.

Tony

10. **Update on Future of Partnership Ministry**

Fr Mike said that he has written to the Bishop regarding the church school on the new estate Bere Wood by Asda and received a reply thanking him for the information. Fr Mike has heard that

**ACTION**

Churchwardens at St John's have been told to go ahead and interview for a new priest. A meeting will take place on Monday with Archdeacons and clergy of all denominations regarding this and also discuss the new primary school.

11.

**Correspondence**

- Wheelchair - Tony wondered what the PCC are going to do about replacing, or not, the wheelchair stolen about 3 or 4 months ago from church. After discussion it was agreed that we do need a wheelchair to keep at the back of church. Fr Mike will put a note in the Bulletin to see if anyone has one they no longer use. If this is not successful Barbie will contact the Mobility shop to find out how much a new one would be.
- Coffin Stands – these are looking very tired. Colin will find a source for them. PCC gave approval for Colin to buy new ones up to £150.
- A letter has been received from Margaret Symonds suggesting that as a fitting memorial to Edwin Shepherd two matching plaques be erected either in the porch or at the Memorial gateway naming all those from this parish who gave their lives in the Second World War. It was agreed that the PCC would discuss this again once the legacy has been received from Edwin.

Fr Mike

Colin

12.

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2012** at the Vicarage starting at 7.30.

All

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm.