

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON MONDAY 23RD JANUARY 2017 AT 8.00 pm**

Present: Fr Mike, John Hood (Churchwarden), Rosy Stone (Churchwarden), Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Sheilah Hall, Patricia Byrne, Norma Kershaw, Colin Monk, Malcolm Brewer, Candy Williams, Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

ACTION

1. **Apologies for absence:** Chris Gadd, Elaine Shimbart (Deanery Synod), Dick Handy, Lynne McNeill

Fr Mike welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. This meeting had been changed from 9th January.

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 14th December**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Standing Committee Minutes from Meeting on 18th December.

John said the Standing Committee met on 18th December with PCC's authority and agreed to move from Ecclesiastical to Trinitas. We have not yet paid anything – the first payment will be end January/beginning of February. We have had no documentation to display yet but have received assurance that we are insured both verbally and in writing. These minutes have already been circulated to the PCC and were agreed by the Standing Committee as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising from Minutes on 14th December**

Page 3, Item 7 – War Graves – John has had another communication from Havant Borough Council regarding the plaque to appear on the lych gate. They are saying that the lych gate is nothing to do with them. They are now asking for proof that the lych gate and clock are their responsibility. However, they have no objections to the plaque but this obviously raises a bigger problem.

4. a) **Treasurer's Report**

Dawn gave the following report:

Income

- Donations are from baptisms and the memorial service
- Lit gifts amount to £30 and we also had £84.37 votive sales
- Fundraising is made up of £1518.98 from the bazaar, £155 from the sales of poem books and £100 Bonusball
- Extra-ordinary income is £450 donation for the refurbishment of the benches in the churchyard, £1000 donation towards the Defibrillator and £567.79 from 100 club

Expenditure

- Our full parish share has been paid again this year
- Church maintenance includes the £270 paid for the faculty for the new sign and £1152.50 towards the levelling of the stones by the church hall. We had already received £800 donation towards this work which was being held in our account
- Fundraising costs was the raffle tickets at the bazaar and the

lottery license

ACTION

- Pastoral costs are all wine and nibbles after services over the Christmas period

Colin said we are £2,600 up for the year so we should be very pleased with this. A large part of this came from the money raised from the shop. Dawn said without all the work that George's Men and particularly Colin and John do on maintenance it would cost us a lot more. Colin said we should always be mindful of any big projects coming up.

b) **Charity Treasurer's Report**

As Lynne is unwell she sent an e-mail to Jane advising that the charity for December was The Children's Society and £125.81 was collected.

c) **Fabric, Finance and Quinquennial Committee Report**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 3rd January have already been circulated.

Item 7 – Smart Water registration – John explained to PCC what this is and said this is one of the things to go by changing insurers as Ecclesiastical said that our registration will probably no longer be valid. John said it is probably better to start again from scratch but Colin said we need to check in the safe because he thinks there may be some left and if so it will have a registration document with it which could be registered to the church.

JH

Item 8 – Main Sign Board – John said we are just waiting as all the money has been paid and all the questions answered. DSC meets once a month so as soon as we receive approval from them it can go up.

Item 12 we have received the 2 grants – one from Cllr Mike Sceal at Havant Borough Council of £450 to carry out repair work to the benches in the churchyard when the weather improves and the second from Cllr Ann Briggs at Hampshire County Council of £1,000 to go towards the cost of a defibrillator on the church hall. Jane will write a letter of thanks to both councillors.

JC

Parish Fees 2017

- d) These proposed fees have already been circulated to PCC. Fr Mike said apart from the legal fees which are statutory nothing has changed. These are in the first two columns. Fr Mike asked if everyone was happy to accept these proposed fees for 2017. Colin Monk proposed that we accept them and this was seconded by Malcolm Brewer and agreed unanimously.

5. **LYCIG – Mission Group**

Fr Mike said that 3 people from the church have agreed to serve on the Mission Group – Patricia Byrne, Chris Gadd and Richard Spurgeon and there has already been a meeting at Hart Plain and another one coming up. They are looking at implementing suggestions from the

Conference.

- At the last PCC meeting we discussed having child servers alongside the adults and this went in the Bulletin on Sunday and 4 children have expressed an interest. Fr Mike said ideally it would be good to have 6.

- There will also be a meeting of the Pastoral Committee to look at the electoral rolls over the last 5 years to see who started attending St George's and then stopped coming. Although we have new people coming along most weeks the overall numbers are not going up by that much.
- John said we are looking at being a welcoming church. We do very well up until the service starts but sometimes sidespeople do not realise when people are either outside or standing in the porch unsure about whether to come in. John has bought a bell with a light attached which could alert sidespeople when people arrive. It was agreed the bell would be too intrusive but it was agreed to try and fix the light to the side of the A-Z boxes where sidespeople sit. Alternatively it was also suggested that one of the sidespeople sits by the door to keep an eye out for latecomers.

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JH

6. **Pastoral Committee Report**

The next meeting will be held on 7th February. Rosy asked if there are plans to have a Parish breakfast this year. Rosemary Monk has suggested that if we do we could invite the tenants of the new flats across the road to join us. This was agreed and the Pastoral Committee will invite the new tenants.

RS

Jane asked whether the letter she is holding regarding church bells should now be sent. Rosy said she had contacted PMC Construction who advised her to contact First Wessex with any correspondence and Rosy will let Jane have the e-mail address.

RS/JC

Defibrillator

- a) Fr Mike said that at the last PCC meeting Barbie and Jane were asked to take this forward. As you know we have had a £1,000 grant from Cllr Ann Briggs at Hampshire County Council towards the cost of this. The total cost to include spare pads is £1,672.44 which means we still have £672.44 to find. Barbie and Jane have met and have written letters to both Waterlooville Music Festival and the PCC asking if they will contribute to the cost of defibrillator. Waterlooville Music Festival have said they will contribute £100. Jane read out the letter to PCC. Barbie and Jane asked the PCC if they will loan us the remainder of the money needed so that we can get this installed as quickly as possible. It would be installed on the outside wall of the church hall by the pavement the other side of the cupboard to the left of the internal glass doors. Colin and John have kindly agreed to install it and Jacksons have kindly agreed to do the electrical work as their contribution. Colin Monk proposed that PCC give a £100 donation towards this and that PCC lends the defibrillator fund the balance to purchase it with the money paid back as it is raised. This was seconded by John Hood and agreed unanimously. If a restricted fund is set up any money raised above what is needed to purchase it can be kept towards a battery which will need replacing every 4-5 years and pads. Barbie and Jane will now

arrange for the order to go in and will start sending out letters asking for donations from the community. It was suggested that we also put a note in the Bulletin asking if anyone would like to donate to this. It was suggested that names of donors could be framed and hung in the porch.

BL/JC

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7. **Hall Committee Report**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 4th January have already been circulated.

- Colin said that he noticed on the Streetlife e-mails that Jackie Buckley of Waterloo Events Team is trying to establish a cinema once a month in Waterloo. She has some funding towards this and a company who will come in. She was asking if anybody knew of a venue so Colin e-mailed her and told her we have two Thursdays free at the moment. He told her we might be prepared to offer the first Thursday free of charge to see the demand. The films will be ones that have just gone off at the cinema. If it got up and running she suggested the church might like to provide refreshments and keep the profits for ourselves.
- This weekend we have the Panto.
- Gents may have noticed that there is now a heater in the Gents Toilet.

8. **Other Committee Reports**

a) **Social and Fundraising Committee**

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 11th January have already been circulated.

b) **Communications Team**

Chris has given his apologies for this meeting and sent an e-mail to Jane to bring up at the meeting. Verisona Solicitors (who are separately putting an ad in the Parish Magazine) have asked if it is possible to put an advert in our weekly Bulletin. Chris has told them that as far as he is aware, Edwards pay for the annual cost of the Bulletin with their advert – is this correct? While this would be no competition to Edwards would they be put out if we allow someone else to advertise in the Bulletin? If we agreed for Verisona to advertise would Edwards expect a reduction in what they pay or would we get some extra revenue. If it is not a problem for Verisona to advertise what would we charge them for a weekly ad for the year? PCC discussed this and felt that if we accepted their advert it would be opening the flood gates for others. Also felt that the Bulletin was not really the place for adverts. Felt there would really be no benefit as Edwards would want a reduction. Suggested they could sponsor something else eg Sunday teas and coffees when they could put a sign up or money towards the defibrillator and have their name included on the framed list of donors. People felt they needed more time to think

this through so it will go on the agenda and be discussed again at the next PCC meeting on 21st February. Jane to let Chris know.

All - next
Agenda
JC

9. **Deanery Synod Report**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2016 which Barbie never received have now been received and circulated. Barbie has not received minutes from the meeting on 22nd November yet. Neither Barbie nor Elaine were at the last meeting so Barbie advised what went on at the November meeting. There was a speaker talking about "Friends of the Holy Land" and also a heckler which was quite entertaining. There was also another presentation from Ben Mizen, Youth & Children's Work Adviser for the Diocese. However his

research into schools in the area was rather patchy. It was proposed we offer outreach to our local schools – Pray, Bake and Read. Let schools know that their local church is supportive, bake a cake and take in for staff and go in and be a volunteer and listen to children read. Barbie will take this to the next Pastoral meeting. St Albans is our Deanery School and Barbie already goes in once a week. Fr Mike said that they also said they are still looking for a Lay Chairman.

AGENDA

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10. **Correspondence**

- Pack from The Diocese – "Giving for Life: The Journey Continued" and encourage giving through legacies. Fr Mike suggested that this be taken to Fabric and Finance to discuss further and gave it to John.
- Pompey Chimes – Dawn said we need to decide how many we would like this year. Last year we had 40 copies which cost £60. After discussion it was agreed that we are happy to stick to the 40 copies this year.
- Parish Giving Scheme – Dawn said there is a slight problem with this. HMRC are not able to give Gift Aid back to the Parish Giving Scheme before the 10th of the month. They were given two options:
 1. Receive money from donors on 10th month and later that month get the gift aid or
 2. get all on 25th of the month.Dawn went for Option 1 which was accepted which means one statement but payment in two BACs statements. We would still receive gift aid in the same month. Everyone agreed this was fine so long as it didn't cause Dawn extra work.

JH – F&F

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11. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st February 2017 in church at 8.00 pm following the Eucharist.

All

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm