

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD IN THE CHURCH  
ON TUESDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> FEBRUARY 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, Chris Gadd, Dick Handy, Lynne McNeill, Jane Cook (Secretary)

**ACTION**

1. **Apologies for absence:** Elaine Shimbart (Deanery Synod), Dawn Trimby (Treasurer)

Fr Mike welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

2. **Minutes of last PCC meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> January**

The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

3. **Matters Arising from Minutes**

Page 2, Item 4c) – Jane wrote thank you letters to Cllr Sceal at HBC for the grant of £450 received to carry out repair work to the benches in the churchyard and Cllr Ann Briggs at HCC for the grant of £1,000 to go towards the defibrillator.

Page 3, Item, 6 – Fr Mike said he has been informed by First Wessex that it will be another couple of months before anyone moves into the flats opposite the church.

Page 5, Item 9 – Fr Mike said that the idea from Deanery Synod to pray for local schools was discussed at Pastoral and this started on Sunday. There are about 9 local schools on his list which may be added to if members of the congregation give him names.

- a) **Questions re the future following Fr Mike's announcement that he is retiring at the end of June**

Fr Mike said the churchwardens met with the Archdeacon and Fr Mike met with her this morning. Dick asked if a typical interregnum is still 12 months? Fr Mike said when Sandra Edwards retired from Denmead they tried to shortcut it and it was a disaster as it was too rushed. The Bishop will probably not declare the vacancy at St George's before June. At that point a Section 11 meeting will be held with the whole PCC chaired by the Area Dean, Andy Wilson from Christ Church. There could be nominations from the Bishop or we can advertise in July. Interviews will possibly be held in September. The Panel will include the Bishop, Archdeacon, Area Dean and 2 representatives from the PCC (not necessarily the Churchwardens). If this happens in September a new priest could potentially be in by Christmas but more likely Easter. Colin asked if it is taken back to PCC for approval when the panel have agreed. Fr Mike said no but PCC members may have a chance to meet the candidates before the interviews as happened with the candidates at Denmead. They met PCC members and local clergy over tea the day before. This needs to be decided at the Section 11 meeting.

Parish Profile – Fr Mike stressed the importance of creating and agreeing the Parish Profile as soon as possible and the need to keep pushing the Diocese. PCC should nominate 3 or 4 people to work

on the Parish Profile. This is a very important document. As a

starting point we could use the one we had when Fr Mike was appointed as a working document. John said he also had 4 more profiles from local churches. It might be a good idea to give the congregation the names of all PCC members and ask them to talk to any one of them with their views.

The Churchwardens will have a meeting with the Area Dean to explore how services are going to be covered during the interregnum, particularly baptisms, weddings, funerals. Baptisms occur nearly every Sunday through the summer months. Malcolm said the people on Parish Office need to know what to tell people. Wait to make a decision until the Churchwardens have had their meeting with the Area Dean who will be responsible for the parish after 25<sup>th</sup> June. Perhaps explain the situation to people and explain that from July and beyond baptisms may only be once a month and there could possibly be more than one baptism each time.

A sub-committee was set up to meet and discuss the Parish Profile. This will include John Hood, Dick Handy, Rosy Stone + Rosy's replacement and Jane Cook. They will meet in church on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 10 am. John will send round copies of the Parish Profiles he has received.

#### **Announcement by Rosy Stone**

- Rosy told the PCC that she will be standing down as Churchwarden at the APCM due to her daughter's continuing poor health and the need for her to be in Salisbury 4 days a week as her daughter is working 4 days a week now and she needs to help out with her granddaughter. She said it has been a privilege to be a Churchwarden and she is sorry she cannot stay on for a fourth year. The PCC thanked Rosy for all the work she has done over the last 3 years. We will need to appoint a Churchwarden at the APCM to do one year and John said we do have a volunteer.
- b)

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

In Dawn's absence due to illness Jane read out her report:

##### Income

- Donations include £67.05 from baptisms
- Fundraising is made up of £329 from bulb sales and £71 from Sue Andrews matched charitable donations
- Bookstall is the BRF
- £100 in Extra-ordinary income is for a refund from Highfield plumbing where we paid too much in error

##### Expenditure

- Admin includes £54.99 for our virus protection software and £101 for the annual subscription to RSCM

#### **ACTION**

JH,DH,RS,JC  
+ Rosy's  
replacement  
28/2 – 10am  
JH

- Church maintenance includes £264 for the lightning conductor test
- Liturgical costs include £40.49 Baptism stationery and £21.50 wafers

**ACTION**

b) **Charity Treasurer's Report**

Lynne advised that £169.32 was raised in January for Canine Partners. Also £169.84 was collected at the Christingle service for The Children's Society.

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

Not met. John said we finally have the Faculty for the Noticeboard and if the weather is kind to us George's Men are meeting on Monday and hope to put this up and do other jobs.

5. **LYCIG – Mission Group**

The meeting planned for last Saturday did not take place but will have another meeting in the not too distant future. John is going to a LYCIG meeting on Friday night. Pastoral Committee are also holding a special meeting next Monday evening to look back over the past 5 years of electoral rolls to try and find out why people who started coming to St George's have stopped coming etc.

6. **Pastoral Committee Report**

The meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> February. Barbie will make sure the minutes are circulated this week.

BL

7. **Hall Committee Report**

This Committee has not met since the last PCC.

8. **Other Committee Reports**

a) **Social and Fundraising Committee**

Not met.

b) **Communications Team**

Discussion took place as to whether Verisona Law should be allowed to advertise in the Bulletin each week. Chris was worried they might be treading on Edwards toes but Fr Mike said that Edwards sponsor the reading sheet and are just sent the bill annually so it wouldn't be a problem. It was suggested that we would be silly to turn down offers of funding. A vote took place as to who would be happy for Verisona to put a block advertisement in the Bulletin and the majority agreed. Dick suggested working the price out on distribution of 140 a week x 52 weeks and on-line.

Patricia said she objected to an advert by Larcomes popping up on the St George's Church Facebook page advertising divorce. Chris will give Verisona a steer on what to put in the Bulletin.

CG

9. **Deanery Synod Report**

A meeting took place last Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February. Barbie said there were two presentations, the first by 2 Lay Chairs from other Deaneries trying to encourage someone to take on the post of Lay Chair at our Deanery Synod. They were very enthusiastic but in Barbie's opinion they pitched it wrong by saying how time consuming etc it was. The other presentation was by the Deacon in charge of Hart Plain Church. They are going down the road of becoming an Ecology Church which gives the church a certificate after having ticked all the boxes. A lot of what she was talking about Barbie said we should be doing anyway and doesn't see why we need a certificate but she is waiting to see what the minutes say. Fr Mike

said sadly this is Elaine and Barbie's last meeting as Deanery Synod reps. Jane said that Elaine Shimbart e-mailed her saying she would have to resign from PCC due to her workload as Deputy Mayor and asked Jane to pass on her best wishes to the PCC. As there are only a couple of meetings left before the APCM we will just record Elaine's apologies. Fr Mike said we will need 2 new Deanery Synod Reps at the APCM and is really hoping that Barbie will agree to stay on as a rep.

**ACTION**

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10. **Update on Defibrillator (Barbie & Jane)**

Jane said that following the thank you letter to Cllr Briggs for the £1,000 grant, Cllr Briggs rang her and said she still had grant money that needed to be spent before the end of February so encouraged her to complete another grant form for £472.44 which along with the £100 from PCC and £100 from WMF makes up the total cost of the defibrillator and secure case. Jane completed the grant form on-line which has been successful. The defibrillator and case were delivered to Jane on Monday and George's Men are going to put up the case and then ask Jacksons to come and connect the electrics up. Once this has been done we will invite Cllr Briggs to come and have her photo taken with it and Chris will try and get the News to do some publicity on it. Jane will see if we can get it advertised by Waterloo Business Association and talk to John Johnson about putting it on the St George's Facebook page.

Barbie will complete the form to get it registered and has been in touch with SCAS who will arrange to come and do some training for anyone interested. Once we have a date we can put it in the Bulletin. Dick said he is also arranging First Aid training in May and last time the guy who does the training asked if we wanted defibrillator training so we could ask him to do it for all the first aiders this time.

CG

JC

BL

DH

**Correspondence**

11.

None.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> in church at 8.00 pm following the Eucharist. This meeting will look at the Accounts

All

and if time the Sub-Committee working on the Parish Profile will present to PCC. Fr Mike will leave the meeting early to allow for full discussion.

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The meeting closed at 9.15 pm