

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF
ST GEORGE'S PCC HELD IN THE CHURCH
ON TUESDAY 2ND MAY 2017 AT 7.30 pm**

Present: Fr Mike, John Hood (Churchwarden), Anne Morgan (Churchwarden), Rosy Stone (Outgoing Churchwarden), Sheilah Hall, Colin Monk, Malcolm Brewer, Chris Gadd, Dick Handy, Lesley Handy, Sandra Hewett, Barbie Lloyd (Deanery Synod), Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Dawn Trimby (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

ACTION

1. **Apologies for absence:** Patricia Byrne, Lynne McNeill

Fr Mike welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming. He explained that this is a strange meeting called to consider the damage to the Font and the security of the church. As the new PCC has not yet met both past and present PCC members have been invited. In fact as it is an Extraordinary meeting of the PCC anyone who is on the Electoral Roll could be invited to attend.

Fr Mike open the meeting with prayers.

2. Fr Mike said the first thing we need to do is appoint a clerk to the meeting. Is everyone happy for Jane Cook to take the minutes. This was agreed unanimously.

3. **Paschal Candle**

Fr Mike said that this has been dealt with. This candle was given by Norman Linney and Fr Mike has received two offers to pay for the replacement Candle. After discussion it was decided that we should claim on the insurance for the Paschal Candle, thank the people for their kind offers and suggest they may like to put the money into the repair of the font.

The old Paschal Candle will be kept in the Lady Chapel for the year. After this John will take it away to melt down and make candles for use in the church.

Font

4. Fr Mike says there has been a fantastic outpouring of support and people offering financial support both locally around Waterlooville and the world via social media.

Fr Mike said there are 3 things we need to discuss:

- (1) Repair
- (2) Replace
- (3) What we do in the meantime as there is a Baptism which is imminent and one almost every Sunday throughout the summer.

John said that he has been in touch with Chichester/Cathedral Stonework who say that the Font is almost certainly repairable. However, the guy has gone on holiday for 2 weeks so we won't get a quote until he comes back. The stone bowl can be replaced, the lead inside it is undamaged, the pillar is slightly chipped. The damaged section of the pillar could be cut out and either a new piece inserted or

shortened by about 2 inches. John said he has checked with Fr Mike

and making it 2 inches shorter would not cause too much distress to him! DH said this would save getting a Faculty to replace it. John said the Sexton would have to bury the Font in the churchyard if we do not repair it. June Diaper has already asked if she can have the pieces from the pillar for the Easter garden. We need to use as much as possible of the old font. No indication of prices so far.

ACTION

Fr Mike said that people are already offering money and Dawn said she has already received some in envelopes off the plate on Sunday. This will be a restricted fund so if we are going to put it in the Bulletin and on Social Media we need to put it as "the repair of the font and security of the Church to prevent this happening again". Chris to investigate setting up a Just Giving page through Facebook/Twitter. Not everyone would want to donate that way so we need to have other options. Dawn will let Chris have our bank account details.

CG

John said he has heard very little from the Insurance company. They have just told him to get quotations and let them know. Fr Mike says he has looked on-line and a second hand font would cost in the region of £3,500.

DT

It was suggested having legs on the base but was agreed that this would be a trip hazard. The base could possibly be made bigger. We need advice on this.

We will let people know by saying we are investigating the possibility of repairing the old font but are awaiting quotations.

CCTV

Colin said we are not alone in thinking of installing CCTV. We would need to make sure we have all the Data Protection protocols in place with only a few named people having access to the information on it.

5. John said CIA have been in and given a quote for a camera in the porch diagonally facing with a high level camera above the organ. John said he has also been contacted by a guy on Facebook who owns his own security company – Security Systems – who has suggested a camera in the porch, a second camera above the door facing inwards towards the altar. It was suggested that people might not be happy having cameras filming them while they are praying. Barbie said it is either that or the church will have to remain closed. She thinks we need cameras that show all angles – a 4 pack. Colin said apart from checking that it is working satisfactorily every couple of weeks or so we will never look at it unless there is an incident. Barbie thinks there could well be a Church of England Policy to advise us. Fr Mike to check.

John said we may be able to do it for £200 ourselves or CIA have quoted £1,500. It was suggested looking to see if the Government scheme for help towards CCTV is still available. Ask the Diocese if we have missed it.

MS

Dick said we would need a Faculty to install it. We could go to the

Archdeacon and get whatever approval we need as she has agreed to help us and follow it up with a Faculty.

Dick said he is happy to advise and give technical assistance if we do install CCTV. Doesn't want to own the management of getting it installed.

MS

Decisions

1. Go for the repair of the Font. This was proposed by Dawn Trimby, seconded by Rosy Stone and agreed unanimously.
2. Set up a special restricted fund for the repair of the Font and the security of the church. This was proposed by Dick Handy, seconded by Colin Monk and agreed unanimously.
3. Investigate with a view to installing CCTV in the church. This was proposed by Candy Williams, seconded by Malcolm Brewer and agreed unanimously.
6. 4. If we have CCTV which has Wi-Fi capability make sure the Wi-Fi in the Sacristy is extended with a booster at minimal cost to be able to use Wi-Fi in the church. This was proposed by Colin Monk, seconded by Barbie Lloyd and agreed unanimously.
5. What do we do in the interim as it could take months to get the repairs done. We need a temporary arrangement. It was suggested using the existing small font underneath George. PCC then went over to try this. Finished by using the table which is used for the Eucharistic gifts by the door to put George on and moved the small font to the centre of the church where the old font was. Barbie has a table measuring 2ft 5in high x 2ft wide x 1ft 6 in deep which Don will drop off tomorrow which we can use for the Eucharistic gifts.

ACTION

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm