



Minutes of the Parochial Church Council meeting of
St Mary's, Sixpenny Handley with Gussage St Andrew.

Date: 25th April 2010
Venue: St Mary's Church
Chair: Rev Mel Durrant

Started: 11:43am
Ended: 12:05pm

Present:

Mrs Bobby Carter
Mr Mike Carter
Mr Ted Cox
Mr John Cullingford (Lay Minister)
Rev Mel Durrant
Mr David Lockyer (Treasurer)
Mr David Salmons*
Rev Paul Skinner*
Mrs Christine Warner
Mr Mark Wolstenholme (Secretary)
Miss Carole Wyatt (Churchwarden)

Apologies for absence:

Mrs Naomi Booth
Mr John Davis
Mr Michael Dyer
Mrs Jackie Molnar

* Deanery and Diocesan representatives

[1] Welcome to new members

Mel welcomed the four new members to the PCC.

[2] Appointments and committees

Mel confirmed the following appointments;

- a) Secretary: Mark Wolstenholme agreed to continue as secretary.
- b) Treasurer: David Lockyer will continue in the vacancy until a new treasurer is appointed, or until the 31st December 2010. Mel encouraged everyone to pray about finding the right replacement.
- c) Project Managers: Margaret Durrant and Shiela Bradley.
- d) Child Protection Officer: Ted Cox agreed to continue.
- e) Assistant Treasurer (Gift Aid): Graham Smith
- f) Assistant Treasurer (Cash): David Salmons

[3] Dates of future meetings

Proposed dates; Wednesday 30th June 2010
Wednesday 1st September 2010
Wednesday 3rd November 2010 (*finance*)
Wednesday 12th January 2011
Wednesday 2nd March 2011
Sunday 24th April 2011 (APCM)

My Notes:

[4] Any Other Business

Mel thanked the Treasurer for his work on the Share and brought two items for resolution;

a) St Mary's Share debt

David L recapped the situation regarding our Share arrears of £11,840 that has been on the books since 2006. This was the result of a 35% jump in cost of the Share around 2002-3 which we were unable to meet in full at that time. A recent reassessment and adjustment of our Share count has helped. Our application for a Diocesan loan, which cannot be approved whilst we have a debt, has fast tracked a review of our debt. As a result, providing the PCC make a statement that they intend to pay the annual Share in full, then the debt will be written off by the Diocese. Drawing a line under the debt would allow us to move forward again, for example, it would make the approval for the facility of a loan possible.

It was proposed by Carole W and seconded by John C that the meeting agreed to make the following statement;

"Sixpenny Handley PCC states its clear intention to meet their annual parish share responsibilities as a matter of priority."

The statement was passed unanimously.

David L answered a question about our current Share payments. He explained that due to cash flow we were unable to keep up the regular Direct Debit payments towards the Share, and have reverted to variable payments and that at the moment we are up by about £600. We expect to complete payment by the end of November, providing we all work hard to keep up fund-raising.

b) Training for Lay Pastoral Assistants (LPA)

Mel reported that four people, Lydia Carter, Margaret Jones, Rita Taylor and Nick Turner, have put themselves forward for the LPA training course that will be starting in a few weeks. It was noted that St Mary's is well blessed with LPAs and that this would help continue that situation. It was proposed that the PCC approve payment of £35 each for their training. Proposed Carole W, seconded Paul S. Passed unanimously.

Mel closed the meeting with prayer.

Next meeting: Wed 30th June 2010, 7.30pm at the Vicarage.

My Notes: