



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

Date: 30th June 2010

Venue: The Vicarage

Chair: Rev Mel Durrant

Started: 7:35pm

Ended: 9:10pm

Present:

Mrs Naomi Booth
 Mrs Bobby Carter
 Mr Mike Carter
 Mr Ted Cox
 Mr John Cullingford¹
 Mr John Davis
 Rev Mel Durrant
 Mr David Lockyer (Treasurer)
 Mr David Salmons²
 Mrs Christine Warner
 Mr Mark Wolstenholme (Secretary)
 Miss Carole Wyatt (Churchwarden)

Apologies for absence:

Mrs Jackie Molnar
 Rev Paul Skinner²

1 Lay Minister

2 Deanery and Diocesan representative

Summary of meeting:

- [5] • Minutes of last two meetings approved
- [6] • No matters arising
- [7] • Chris Stokes to take on John Davis' role at St Andrew's
 - LPA licensing service to be held in St Mary's on September 7th
 - PCC Away Day planned for September 4th
- [8] • Erskine Muton Trust to give £3,000 for work on St Andrew's
 - Missed service fees – approval to waiver two missed charges approved
 - Paul Skinner will be treasurer for 12 months
- [9] • Quote for electrical work at St Andrew's – second quote to be sought
 - Restoration of font cover and oak chest to be investigated
 - Rewiring and replacement of St Mary's porch light approved
- [10] • Upcoming fundraising events highlighted
- [11] • Synod update
- [12] • Any Other Business (AOB)

[5] Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of 10th March 2010 and 25th April 2010 were approved. The archival of minutes was raised and the storage of minutes in the vestry of St Mary's was confirmed.

[6] Matters arising

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes that were not covered by the agenda. Mel opened the meeting with a reading a prayer. Mel read from Matthew 9 v35–38.

[7] Worship and ministry (Mel D)

(a) Mel thanked everyone who leads and takes part in the services. Without their help it wouldn't be possible to run the services we do. Mel mentioned Paul Skinner's priesting on 3rd July. The PCC agreed to a small gift and card. Mel briefly explained what the priesting means and what it allows Paul to do.

(b) A number of baptisms were coming up over the next month or two. Our LPAs (Lay Pastoral Assistants) will be licensed in St Mary's on September 7th. The service will be taken by the new Archdeacon Steven Wayne. Help for welcoming, reading and refreshments was encouraged.

(c) Special thanks was given to John Davis for his many years of stewardship of St Andrew's. Chris Stokes will be taking up the role.

(d) PCC Away Day – Saturday 4th September 10am to 3.30pm at Langton Long church, Blandford. Bring and share lunch. The idea will be to spent time together, to pray, be quiet, talk and to think about our role, what we give our community and how we do it. To also look afresh at our mission and our mission statement.

(e) Organist needed for Songs of Praise at the end of August.

[8] Finance brief (David L)

The finance brief for 30th June was reviewed. The restoration and repositioning of the font cost less than estimate, even after the cost of the marble for the missing leg was added in.

(a) Erskine Muton Trust will give us £3,000 for the work at St Andrew's once the faculty has been approved. This will give us a total of about £9,800 for the work on the chapel, which is not too far short of the current estimate. Thanks to the Project Team for all their hard work seeking grants which has made our plans achievable.

(b) To "close" the books the PCC approved writing off two fees of £50 each, from invoices 012/09 and 006/10, that had not been charged on two occasions in the last year.

Proposed Ted C, Seconded Carole W – passed.

My Notes:

[8] Finance brief (*continued*)

(c) Thanks to David S and David L for all their hard work on the finances. A number of people have been approached to take on the treasurer's role. Paul S has agreed to step in for a 12 month period. As an aside, John C asked how Carole was coping with being the only churchwarden. Having one churchwarden is not a problem but not ideal either. Mel and Carole are actively looking at the situation.

[9] Buildings and Fabric update

A brief from the Project team was handed out. Bobby raised concerns about the finish of the stone floor and about cleaning it properly. The need for a new dry mop was made. Mel confirmed that the builders were due back to complete finishing on such items.

Mel read out the brief and thanks was made to Margaret and Shiela for all their hard work throughout the project.

[a] Approval of electrical quote for St Andrew's – Margaret went through why a single quote for the electrical work was acceptable to the architect. The PCC remained concerned and asked that we go back to the architect to seek an additional quote. Margaret drafted a PCC response to go back to the architect with. Also concerns about the gravestones in the floor of the chapel were understood and any electrical work was expected to be sensitively routed around the edges.

[b] Nick Turner to investigate restoration of the oak cover of the font and the oak chest. Security measures to be looked at.

[c] Approval to accept the quote for rewiring and replacing the porch light at St Mary's was sought. The work would be undertaken by Ed Cudlip and overseen by our architect and would cost £390. Proposed John C, seconded John D – passed.

[10] Fundraising and social

[a] The next King of Kings Kids Club (3KC) would feature a filmshow

[b] Barn Dance in the Shed – The arrangements were explained, as not everyone in the community were happy about the expanded use of the facilities at the holiday site behind the church. The use of the building was being donated and the Shed's own staff would be providing the food from their kitchen at a very reasonable cost per head. Ticket sales were not encouraging and the PCC were urged to make a big push on the tickets to make the night a success.

[c] The need to increase fundraising was made again; to meet the share and other outgoings. David L reiterated his concerns that gifts should be "general" rather than dedicated or restricted to specific areas, so that we can redistribute funds as we see fit.

My Notes:

[10] Fundraising and social *(continued)*

[d] Summer events highlighted, including a summer concert, Ted and Meg's coffee morning, the farm walk and barbeque. Also the regular Ride and Stride for Dorset Historical Churches Trust in September and the Christmas Fayre. The recent Bridge Night organised by John D was very successful and was supported from further a field than normal. A suggestion for a quiz night was made, but other clubs do this on a regular basis. Everyone encouraged to support these events.

[11] Synod update *(David S)*

David was "absolutely enthused" by what happened at the recent Synod meeting. Bishop David encouraged all to share their experience. This was Bishop David's last Synod and he talked about transforming communities. The accounts for 2009 and budget for 2011 were presented to the Synod and accepted. The accounts were an important "mission statement" as the figures show where the money comes from, how it is spent and who benefits. The Share met the cost to the parish ministries across the diocese. Also presentations and reports were made about the pilgrimages undertaken in two areas and were very uplifting.

[12] Any Other Business

The singing of the Te Deum and other responses was raised.

Mel closed the meeting with a prayer.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 1st September 2010.

My Notes: