

Ottery St Mary Parish Church - Minutes of PCC Meeting 27th September 2017

Present: Rev Steve Weston (chair), John Ward, Rev Leisa McGovern, Sue Jeacock (PCC Sec, Minutes), David Rose, Flo Rowland, Anitra Lockwood, Diana Gee, Jill Rose, Bruce Odlin, Arthur and Di Passey, Shirley-Ann Williams, Phyllis Baxter, Brian Cammack, Tony Mitchell, Helen Atkinson, Colin Tindal.

1 Prayers led by Colin Tindal

2 Apologies received from Anna Roderick, Fiona Rimmer, Phil Whitlock (treasurer)

3 Correspondence

A letter had been circulated to the PCC from Grenville Gilbert about church hire charges for the Coleridge Memorial Trust event. Steve Weston reported that the matter had now been resolved and CMT has paid in full for their hire of the church on 20th October.

A thank you card from Maria Clapp has been received and displayed in the porch.

4 Reports

The Choir report was received with thanks. It was noted how good the choir sounded at Harvest Songs of Praise, the Patronal Festival service and at the concert organised by Miles and Maisie Corkhill. Organist Michael Farley's playing is also much appreciated.

The Link Report was received with thanks. It was noted Jill Rose is not a member of the committee anymore. We are short of volunteers for the church transport rota.

5 Matters arising from the Minutes of the Standing Committee 21st August

Item 11. The woman with the dog had been challenged by groundsman Chris because the dog was not on a lead, not because she was walking it in the churchyard.

Item 9. Jill was asked to provide safeguarding training for Clyst Honiton, not Heath.

Item 12. It was noted that the funding for the new candlesticks will come from the Vicar and Churchwardens' Fund, not the PCC account.

Item 15. The Governors had suggested we might go ahead with the Wifi plan without a Faculty, but the PCC cannot recommend this and a Faculty will need to be sought, despite the fact the paperwork will now cost more than the job itself.

6 Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 26th July 2017

i) Signed as a correct record.

ii) Matters Arising not covered on the agenda

Item 3.1. Request from Hugh Osborne to relocate a memorial plaque from Scilly Isles to Ottery. Steve Weston has been in communication with Mr Osborne about the requirement to seek a Faculty, but has not heard back from him as yet.

Item 5. New CCTV cameras have been fitted. We are now awaiting a visit to adjust the data capacity to cope with the additional recordings.

Item 15. A shortlisting meeting has been set up, with a view to interviewing for Cate's replacement on November 23rd. Harvest Festival at Escot will be Cate's last service. Mission Community Clergy held a party for her on Friday.

Item 16. Ann Yates is still looking to recruit someone to help her with visiting the Rowan Centre and Linden Daycare unit. It needs to be someone with a passion for helping people who suffer memory loss.

7 Treasurer's Report

Phil was unable to attend the meeting, but a treasurer's report had been circulated in advance. Shirley-Ann reported that at the Diocesan Synod meeting on 7th October it was announced that the budget for next year will include a slight increase for everyone in Common Fund contributions.

8 PCC Away Day

14th October at Feniton Church, 10am-3pm. Youth pastor Graham Harry will attend.

The aim is to increase our understanding of Generations Y and Z who are largely absent from our congregation.

9 Abide Update

The Syrian family have arrived in Ottery this evening. Bruce Odlin, who collected them from the airport, reported that they seemed very happy and excited to be here. A meal had been prepared by Rosie Hall for their arrival and an interpreter will be with them all week. Prayers were said for the family.

10 Coffee

11 Safeguarding

Jill Rose has now delivered training sessions in Ottery and West Hill. 52 people have attended in total. In Ottery 33 people still need to do C0, 3 need to do C1 and 5 need C1 and C2. Jill is looking at ways to deliver the training to those whose work commitments have meant they have not been able to attend so far. There will also be some options to do C0 on-line in the Loft or office, using the office broadband connection. At the end of this process, the PCC may need to make some difficult decisions about those who have not engaged with the process at all and Jill will seek guidance from the Diocese on this. It was noted that the delivery of this training on behalf of the Diocese is putting a huge extra work burden on Jill and that both we and the Diocese owe her a huge debt of thanks.

12 Christmas Bazaar

November 25th, which is only 8 weeks away. It will be run in the same way as last year with an emphasis on craft stalls. It doesn't clash with the Christmas Tree Festival this year, so there should be no shortage of volunteers to help. It was suggested that Anthony and Julia, who were involved in advertising Summer Fair via social media, should be asked to do the same with the Bazaar.

13 Christmas Services

A list of the services and events was handed out. On Christmas Eve, there will be a Crib and Christingle combined. On Friday 1st December it is late night shopping in Ottery and the Christmas Tree Festival will stay open late. The poster for the Christmas Tree Festival needs to make clear that, although the trees will still be in church on Sunday, the festival finishes on the Saturday. In previous years, visitors have arrived expecting to look round while Sunday services are taking place. The PCC was in favour of doing another Christmas publicity leaflet to be hand-delivered around the town, as we did last year. Brian Cammack will organise.

14 Summer Fair

Jill Rose reported that financially we did better this year, particularly in our efforts to reduce overheads. We had a large number of visitors, due to good weather and the use of social media to advertise by newcomers to the committee Anthony and Julia. A "wash-up" meeting has taken place. The tea stall will be reinstated next year, as the tea rooms were far too busy to provide teas for stallholders. Improvements will also be made in the way money is handled on the day. We need to thank the Susevee family who stepped in at the last minute to help with parking and did a fantastic job. The date for next year's fair has been set for Saturday 25th August.

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15 AOB

9th October, Sidford: Commissioning service for new rural dean, Mark Ward. Shirley-Ann asked PCC members to read the piece in the Gazette about Cranbrook.

Meeting closed with the Grace at 9.30pm

Signed: Date: