

PARISH OF ST MICHAEL'S, TILEHURST
Parochial Church Council
Minutes of the extraordinary PCC meeting held on Thursday, 2nd July 2015

Those present:

John Rogers (Chairman)	John Morris	Joan Crossman
Patrick Woodlock	Pat MacDonald	Jane Masson
Caroline Heron	Trevor Greaves	Russell Vince
Fiona Vince	Liz Fagg	Janet Fagg
Glenis Kerr Elliott	Jenny Foakes	Alison Murray

Apologies:

Harry Dykes	Denise Easteal	Sue Stevenson
Sally Cairns	Rosemary Cooper	

The Rector opened the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and welcoming Andrew Plumridge to talk through the revised figures for costings for the restoration programme. He registered enormous thanks to the Churchwardens, the Core Group and Andrew for the work they have put in to produce the costings

Costings and the details had been circulated prior to the meeting but a further update on the figures was distributed. (copies for absentees in your pigeon holes)

Andrew went through the figures in detail, primarily pointing out the reduced costs in 2.4 to 2.5 and the reasons for the costs in 3.4 to 3.8 and the necessity to bring the decoration in the South Aisle up to the standard of the rest of the church. There is also a substantial reduction under 4.4

Discussion took place regarding all of point 5 – the Rector's Board. **A decision was made to go with the option of using white vellum to give a better finish.** Andrew explained his thoughts on adding escutcheons, the cost of which he will bear himself. The overall extra cost to St Michael's for the board is £70. **Pat Andrews will be advised and asked to approach people to raise these funds (Action – Rector)** The final decision on the positioning of the board will be made with the DAC once the faculty is approved.

The overall extra costings were then discussed and the question asked as to whether the money is available. A Grant of £35000 has been received from the Churchlands Charity ensuring there are enough funds to complete the works laid out in the revised costings. The extra sum involved against the original budget is approximately £5000.

Any continuing maintenance issues will be covered by the quinquennial report due next year

It was noted that the PCC spend a lot of time debating finance issues rather than spiritual activity but the Rector re-iterated that St Michael's has done incredible and wonderful works as a church family in raising £500,000 to restore the church creating a beacon to the glory of God. The building is one of the most important in Tilehurst, is of great historical interest and as such, has to be kept in good order. It had been neglected for a long period of time so the work was absolutely necessary

A proposal was then put to the meeting:

The meeting accept the costings circulated today - £32200 including VAT

All in favour – unanimously accepted

AOB

The Rector raised one point of AOB

The Rector asked for formal approval from the PCC for the process of recruiting a new Parish Secretary. The terms and conditions which were agreed some years ago have been revised.

There have been 6 applicants, 3 have been shortlisted and the final 2 will be interviewed on Saturday when the appointment will be made. The pay scale will be in line with the living wage - £7.85 per hour and there will be a probationary period of 3 months

The PCC gave formal authority for the appointment to be made