

PARISH OF ST MICHAEL'S, TILEHURST
Parochial Church Council
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday, 19th July 2016

Those present:

John Rogers (Chairman)	Sally Cairns	John Morris
Joan Crossman	Jane Masson	David Bardwell
Dee Anderson	Rosemary Cooper	Caroline Heron
Trevor Greaves	Laurie Haseler	Glenis Kerr Elliott
Sue Stevenson	Sozzie Kasomizuke	Liz Fagg
Jenny Foakes	Fiona Vince	Russell Vince

Apologies (1):

Alison Murray	Linda Toms	Patrick Woodlock
Giles Winter		

Opening Reading (2)

JC gave the opening reading at this meeting entitled "Heaven's Grocery Store" which had been used at the ecumenical service on board her recent cruise. Although different to the usual readings it was met with much appreciation, the Rector asking that it be circulated with the minutes and a copy put in the Parish Magazine.

Substantive item – Parish Prayers (3)

DB reported that the prayers cards have not yet been produced although the wording is ready for PCC approval and was circulated to the meeting. The cards are being based on a Kennet Valley church template. New aerial photos are being taken of the church. Various comments from the PCC will be taken on board before the final version is brought to the PCC.

Finance (4)

1. Insurance cover for indemnity to discharge responsibilities at weddings and funerals has been checked. St Michael's is covered up to a sum of £100,000
2. Churchyard – grass cutting – cost of first cut by ProGround Care is £1400 being initial £840 plus additional labour costs because of length of grass. The next cut is being done on Monday at a cost of £800 and thereafter £800 per cut [+VAT]. The Rector expressed his appreciation to the Churchwardens in employing the firm to get the job done and their effective responses following frequent complaints and bad press.
3. Parish Share – the proposal for 2017 is £77195, an increase of 4 – 5%

Tabled Reports (5)

Church Hall 03/05/16 and Play Group Notes (5.1)

Attention was brought to note 1 on the Play Group Notes dd 23/06/16 – Under no circumstances should sand be used within the Church Hall. Costs to repair the floor surface are estimated at around £2000

MAD 21/06/16 (5.2)

GKE reported that she had approached the Minster to sell our Christmas Cards but this was not realistic. The Minster asked if they could sell their cards in St Michael's but it was agreed that this was not viable

Events 05/07/16 (5.3)

Nothing to discuss

Minutes of the meeting held on 31/05/16 (6)

The minutes of the above meeting were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman

Updates from previous meetings – see action points (7)

All updates on attached table

Full details of some points:

Rectors' Board – A template of the frame was shown advising that the blue part of the mount matches the colour on one of the shields. Top of the range glass will be used. Cost £480 plus VAT. **All in favour** [figure quoted was actually £438 incl VAT]

Toilets – flushing mechanism needs attention – Contractors will action
It was noted that there was no plug or overflow in the washbasins – this is correct.
The doors are still to be left open as the lock indicators are not working

Closure of Churchyard – Documents now received from Privy Council. They have to be posted in Morlais Corridor for a period of one month

Offensive Adornments – Diane Morris had prepared cards for all offending graves dated end of June but circumstances has meant this has been delayed. It was agreed to re-do with date to be end of October

Sidespersons rota – there is a desperate need for Sidespersons on Wednesday mornings

Organ surround – the Masson team will start work in the Autumn and announced they have a sponsor for the costs of up to £1000. The PCC approved a budget of £1500. They have discussed the work with the Organist

What Next update (8)

Nothing new to report

Bishops' Conference Report (9)

Sozzie circulated some notes following his attendance at this conference. (Copies in pigeon holes for members not at meeting) Around 50 people attended the conference from the Archdeaconry and the Diocese and discussed various important topics. In past years these conferences have discussed the Ordination of Women to the Priesthood and agreeing that they may become Bishops. The controversial issue now is homosexuality within the church for which Sozzie expects that everyone will be asked to raise the issue at PCC level for debate and discussion. It was unanimously agreed that we should think positively and peacefully about any topic raised and pray through the Gospel of love, peace and reconciliation. The Rector brought up the thoughts that were brought to PCC a few months ago – What Would Jesus Do and referred back also to tonight's opening reading. A focussed

debate is sure to follow where we shall agree to disagree in love. Sozzie was thanked for his presentation.

Pastoral Care –DBS Checking (10)

Nothing new to report

CAP Money Training – see attached (11)

The whole document will be printed for all PCC members and will be discussed as the substantive item at the September meeting

Core Group – Update (12)

Morlais Room – Architect is looking at the exterior of the Morlais room ie Gutters etc. A sound consultant will be approached to look at the sound problems in the Morlais room. He will have to be paid.

Bells and Clock run in tandem. PCC have already given approval of costs of £12000 for repairs to clock

It was noted that the Core Group can investigate the needs and report to the PCC but have no power to make decisions

Rectors Board – Update – Framing Costs (13)

Already covered

Matters Arising not covered on the Agenda (14)

4.1 – How many hours the cleaners work at the Church hall – still unanswered

A thank you to Doug Aspinall for the work he has put in with the grass cutting team

Correspondence (15)

JC will pass the renewal of Data Protection form to PW

A.O.B

1. JR -Thermostat for Corridor – a revised estimate for this is now £450 (£600 previously approved) We should have a diagram of the heating system (**Action – Rector**)

2. DA – We are supporting 3 young people in preparation for confirmation. Could each candidate be given a bible. JR and DA to discuss which version should be given.

Confirmation is at St George on November 6th [We may also have two adults TBC]

3. GKE – Bereavement Support Group – This is a strong group which is implementing some things immediately and some things need looking at in more depth. They are looking at doing something like the Listening Place held at the Methodist Church and there is a training course on Saturday 15th October costing £15 per person and she would like 3 people to attend. **Agreed**. It may be possible to run these courses at St Michael's in the future.

4. JR – Problem with oven door in Morlais Room – LH to investigate. Pat Agrisano was burnt recently – this should be logged in the incident book.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.15pm

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 6th September

Action Points

Action Date	Item	Who by	Status
2014	Rector's Board	Architect/Contractor	With framers
2014	Flint work	Architect/Contractor	East end of Lady Chapel now being done. Repair gutter
2014	Churchyard Closure	Churchyard Committee	Documents now displayed in Morlais Corridor
2014	Churchyard – Removing adornments prescribed by Regulations	Churchyard Committee	Individual notices being compiled
2014	Churchyard - War Graves Plaque -	Churchyard Committee	Complete
2015-1	Recruiting of sides persons	SC	Ongoing
2015-1	Anyone willing to do a reading at Beginning of PCC meetings to email JC.	All	FV
2015-4	Pram Service	SC	Possible volunteer
2015-4	Church Diaries	Rector	Ordered
2015-5	Lighting	Rector	Map of lighting with Architect
2015-6	Church Hall emergency lighting	Church Hall Committee	Will be completed in August
2015-6	Organ Surround	The Masson Team	To be started shortly
2015-7	Wall Repair	Rector	New specs agreed – going to Loss Adjustor
2015-8	Restoration - Clock	Core Group	With Architect-await appt Structured surveyor
2015-8	Restoration - Tower	Core Group	With Architect-await appt Structured Surveyor
2015-8	Proposal for new bells	Bellringers	With Architect-await appt Structured Surveyor
2015-9	Mission giving	Stewardship	Recommend to PCC in Nov
2016-1	What Next programme	CH	To report every 3 months
2016-1	Brief on Bishops' Conference	Sozzie	Complete
2016-2	Prayers Cards	Marketing Team	To prepare 200 cards
2016-2	Fees – accountability-insurance	PW	Complete
2016-3	Map of heating	JR	To produce diagram of heating layout
2016-3	Oven Door Repair	LH	To investigate