

PARISH OF ST MICHAEL'S, TILEHURST
Parochial Church Council
Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 23rd March 2015

Those present:

John Rogers (Chairman)	Sally Cairns	Joan Crossman
Patrick Woodlock	Jenny Foakes	Jenny Beeney
Rosemary Cooper	Trevor Greaves	Sheila Parker-Boyes
Pat MacDonald	Jane Masson	Caroline Heron
Denise Easteal	Harry Dykes	

Apologies:

Roger Toms	Alan Rutter	Janet Fagg
Laurie Haseler	Alison Murray	

The meeting opened with prayers

Item	Action by
<p>Substantive item – 5 year vision – progress</p> <p>The Rector circulated 2 documents, one which summarised the positive and negative feedback from the Deanery Synod's thoughts on "Living Faith" and the other asked the question – What three behaviours will be most important in the church of the future? (Copies for absentees in your pigeon holes) He felt these could be helpful in our discussions about our 5 year vision. Our "panel" are meeting this week.</p>	CH
<p>Finance</p> <p>PW reported that the cheque to PACT for the Christmas collections has been sent.</p> <p>The current balance over our 2 accounts is over £100,000 but there are a few large invoices to go out. He will have the first quarter figures ready for the first meeting of the new term and the actual figures against the budget by June.</p>	PW
<p>Tabled Reports</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">Fabric Committee 24/01/15 and Stewardship Committee 09/02/15</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">No points raised</p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;">The meeting was reminded that a new Chairperson was needed for the Stewardship committee. This will be raised at the first meeting of the new term.</p>	

<p>Updates from previous meetings:</p> <p>Restoration – outstanding items</p> <p>Andrew Plumridge has produced a summary of outstanding items which was circulated with the Agenda and the relevant costs.</p> <p>The Rectors’ Board is now in hand. Pat Andrew has raised £600 and the Rector is meeting with the calligrapher this week. The Core Group had discussed the position of the board and felt it should go at the right hand side of the Sanctuary before the Altar Rail. Pat Andrews also thought this was the right place. A question was raised on how the board will be protected from damp as it is intended to be located on an outside wall.</p> <p>The Core group had looked at the outstanding list with AP and the next three most important items were discussed (marked with* on document) – Organ Surround, £7000, Lighting, £2000 and cleaning the South Porch, £6500. SC clarified why these three items were considered more important than the rest. There is enough money available to do the flintwork which has already been agreed and re-pay the loans. A proposal was made to hold back the re-payment of loans and do the priority work. A lengthy discussion followed as to whether all three items should be done or whether individual fund raising should be done for each item as for the Rectors’ board. The meeting felt it would be prudent to hold back on some things and wait for the quinquennial report later this year to see if any more urgent work showed up. Some members also felt that more details on the work were needed to help them take a rational view.</p> <p>It was noted that even when the Churchyard is closed, the PCC will always maintain responsibility for the Churchyard but that West Berks would take on the maintenance.</p> <p>After much deliberation a motion was put to the meeting asking for authorisation to do the lighting and the cleaning of the South Porch, together with the Rectors’ board and leave the Organ Surround for the time being. Motion carried, 1 against</p> <p>Oliver’s letter to businesses (circulated with Agenda) – should this go to members of the congregation as well and should the content of the letter put across the message of God.</p> <p>Mixed feelings on this, CH asked to amend the letter slightly and return to the Rector.</p>	<p>Core Group</p> <p>CH</p>
<p>Churchyard – reaction from bereaved families – Christine Allsopp has spoken with the Churchyard Committee and representatives from the PCC and she is happy with the way things have been handled and will fully support the idea of getting a Faculty to provide added support for the PCC.</p>	<p>Churchyard Committee</p>

<p>Churchyard – closure process – Christine Allsopp is also happy to endorse the closure process. However, she feels we would be ill-advised to segregate the area designated for Servants of the Church. It was noted that cremated remains and burials would always be able to be added to existing plots. In future cremated remains could be interred in the area in front of the church and names added to a memorial book.</p> <p>The Rector has a letter from Christine Allsopp confirming all the above which should have been circulated for the meeting. He offered his apologies and would do this following the meeting.</p> <p>The Rector proposed to the meeting that the PCC take note of Christine Allsopp’s recommendations and proceed on this basis</p> <p>Proposed by RCoo, seconded by JM. All in favour</p> <p>The final document will come before the PCC to be signed off.</p>	<p>Churchyard Committee</p> <p>PCC</p>
<p>Church Hall – the Church Hall committee are meeting tomorrow, minutes of the previous meeting will be circulated to the PCC. Following some threatening behaviour to people using the hall, the Standing Committee met and authorised a camera to be installed linked to a video camera at a cost of £350.</p>	<p>Church Hall Committee</p>
<p>Book of recorded work done in the church – now in operation</p>	
<p>Terrier/Inventory – Still in progress</p>	<p>Churchwardens</p>
<p>Michael Crowther-Green, 55 years – The Rector will talk to Michael, maybe ask him to be part of our Patronal celebrations</p>	<p>Rector</p>
<p>APCM preparations</p> <p>These are well in hand. Barbara is still waiting for one report. The necessary paperwork is now displayed on the notice board. It was noted that 5 new PCC members are needed</p>	
<p>Pastoral Care – CRB checking – rolling on</p>	<p>SC</p>
<p>Correspondence</p> <p>The Rector has received a letter from David Corbett asking for his terms and conditions to be examined. The Rector has had an informal chat with the Churchwardens and Giles Winter and will follow up after Easter</p>	<p>Rector</p>
<p>Minutes of the meetings held on 17/02/15 and 02/03/15</p> <p>The minutes of both meetings were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman. JFa apologies were added to the minutes of 02/03/15</p>	
<p>Matters Arising not covered by the Agenda</p> <p>From 17/02/15 – dates for the Sermons related to our 5 year vision need to be put in place</p> <p>From 17/02/15 – Neil Curtis has agreed a fee of £800 per cut for grass cutting and has agreed the next two cuts</p>	<p>CH</p> <p>Churchyard Committee</p>

<p>AOB</p> <p>1.The Rector asked that the PCC record a vote of thanks to Tim Masson for his work on the Sound System. There are still ongoing problems which he is happy to look at. There may be a cost of up to £400 if is necessary to replace the Lectern unit.</p> <p>2.The Rector thanked the outgoing members of the PCC and looked forward to their continuing support in other things that they may do. He asked that everyone encourage members of the congregation to join the PCC. He advised of the procedure for the APCM. Proposals for PCC members can be made before or during the APCM, but proposals for Churchwardens have to be in 24 hours before the Vestry meeting. Anyone proposed for election must have been on the Electoral Roll for at least 6 months</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>The meeting closed at 8.50pm with the Grace.</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting – Monday, 28th April 2015 (First meeting of the New Term with Eucharist)</p>	<p>All</p>