

**PARISH OF ST MICHAEL'S, TILEHURST**  
**Parochial Church Council**  
**Minutes of special finance meeting, Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015**

**Those present:**

John Rogers (Chairman)	Sally Cairns	Patrick Woodlock
Laurie Haseler	Jenny Beeney	Rosemary Cooper
Pat MacDonald	Jane Masson	Caroline Heron
Denise Eastal	Harry Dykes	Alison Murray

**Apologies:**

Roger Toms	Joan Crossman	Jenny Foakes
Sheila Parker-Bowes		

The meeting opened with prayers  
In the absence of Joan Crossman, Laurie Haseler took the minutes.

**Substantive item: Finance**

The Rector thanked the Treasurer, Patrick Woodlock, for all his work preparing the accounts, and the PCC members who had combed through these, producing queries and suggestions. Re-analysis of projected gas and electricity costs since the last PCC meeting now gave a more or less balanced budget for 2015.

Members had been circulated with updated copies of the complete accounts (as Excel spreadsheets), and a subset of the accounts relating to the restoration. The balance sheets (complete and restoration only) remained as circulated prior to the previous PCC meeting.

The Treasurer had also circulated, prior to the meeting, a document listing all the queries and suggestions raised prior to the meeting, together with responses to each. An analysis of income and expenditure, in the form it would appear in the APCM report was distributed at the meeting

Initial discussion focussed on clarifying balance sheets items, and understanding how loans for the extension, and the reduction in Parish Share were represented. It was emphasised that the church had paid the full Share amount, but only that part transferred to the Diocese appeared in the accounts, the remainder had been a contribution to payments for the roof. The absence of a budget item to build funds for future major restoration work was noted.

There was also discussion of the "message" given by the accounts, which might appear, for example in the report for the APCM. It was asked whether, with the restoration work substantially complete, there should be specific budget items focussing on outreach. The Rector emphasised that the churches wider work had continued to develop during the restoration.

There had been a number of suggestions for recategorisation of various budget items, to clarify the costs and benefits of various activities, such as the Hall, magazine, and fundraising. The Treasurer said that this could be done without losing traceability, and that some could be done for the 2015 accounts, but others were best postponed to 2016.

**The meeting was asked to formally accept the accounts for presentation to the APCM, subject to minor amendment by the Accountant if necessary. All in favour**

**AOB**

The Rector circulated a mail recently received from our architect, Andrew Plumridge listing restoration issues which remained to be addressed. This was for information only and was not discussed.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

**Date of next meeting PCC Meeting – Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> March**