



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

St. Andrew's Church, Cromhall Parochial Church Council



MINUTES OF MEETING, 16th JUNE 2008, AT TOWNWELL HOUSE

Present: Kate Bryant; Doug Collett; Ann Greenhalgh (chair); Revd. Canon Pat Lyes-Wilsdon; Stephen Youngs (Secretary)

Apologies: None received.

Item

Action

1. Pat opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. No apologies for absence were received.
3. The minutes of the last meeting on 21st February were approved and signed without amendment.
4. PCC members and officers update.
 - a. Stephen was welcomed in the role of Secretary, replacing Jo Bridgeman.
 - b. It was noted that with only Zena & Jen absent the PCC is rather short on numbers. This prompted a discussion on what could be done to improve the situation.
 - c. It was suggested that Mandy & John Bird might be co-opted if they were willing to help. Ann to investigate. AG
5. Quinquennial report & other building matters.
 - a. Church alterations.
 - i. What can we do to get started?
 - ii. Scope includes opening up the West Door, moving the font, adding a toilet with disabled facilities, boiler improvements, moving some pews. It was agreed that the new toilet is the highest priority.
 - iii. Need someone to find out about grants. Geoff Crosthwaite has been investigating, but seems to have ground to a halt.
 - Lots of paperwork and commitment for Cemex.
 - Magnox 'Work in the Community' – perhaps just for disabled facilities?
 - iv. Costings now out of date, need to be refreshed.
 - v. Faculty not yet applied for.
 - b. Stone cross fallen from Church roof.
 - i. Doug informed the meeting that a stone cross has broken off about 9" up, and slid down the Church roof (remarkably causing no damage). It then landed on the mower shed roof which was damaged.
 - ii. The cross had metal pins in it from previous repairs.

- iii. Doug to check what, if anything, can be claimed on the insurance. DC
 - iv. Doug also to take the fallen bits to a stone mason for a cost estimate. DC
 - v. A sheet of tin has been put over the broken mower shed roof, but this roof is of asbestos sheet and needs replacing.
 - c. Window perspex.
 - i. It was agreed that we should try to replace the window perspex covers before the winter. DC
 - d. Shrub pruning.
 - i. Carried forward until the autumn.
 - e. Mollie's tree.
 - i. Choice of tree is known, best to plant in the autumn.
 - ii. Will take out a fir to make room, as they are growing through the wires. Doug to get a quote for this. DC
 - f. Boiler emissions data.
 - i. Doug to check if certificate issued for last year.
 - ii. There is some talk of churches being charged rates in relation to their carbon emissions.
 - g. Insurance certificate.
 - i. Doug is looking for the insurance certificate, it's not filed under 'Insurance'.
 - ii. The certificate is normally received in October each year.
 - iii. Ann to ask Simon if he can find it. AG
 - h. Wall box (jammed lock problem).
 - i. Carried forward.
 - i. Removal of soil by yew tree.
 - i. Soil left by undertakers still has not been removed, but Pat has spoken to Bob so hopefully will be resolved soon.
 - j. Enlargement of Churchyard.
 - i. Proposal to straighten out dog-leg in Churchyard wall to provide 30 to 40 additional burial plots.
 - ii. Pat has not yet received a formal reply from the Estate, but is not expecting there to be a problem.
 - iii. Item to be kept on agenda until concluded.
 - k. Altar layout (?)
 - i. Carried forward PL-W

6. JSC/LMT reports.

- a. Network church? No.
- b. Benefice Fun Day at Tortworth this Sunday, 22nd June. Support needed.
- c. No change to present policy regarding children & Communion.
- d. Pat to contact Baptist Minister in Thornbury to see if going to progress re. HMP Eastwood Park. PL-W
- e. Pat to send Stephen last JSC/LMT minutes. PL-W

- f. Enlargement of LMT.
 - i. Now rather depleted, would like to start the process for recruiting new members, takes about seven months.
 - ii. About five stages to the process.
 - iii. Need every PCC's approval, Cromhall's already given.
- g. Benefice Secretary.
 - i. Hilary Legg takes over from 1st July.
 - ii. Thanks to Jo for doing a good job.
- h. Visiting training.
 - i. Bereavement, home & hospital done.
 - ii. One more to do, post-baptism.

7. Deanery Synod.

- a. Jennifer is now the only representative.

8. Treasurer's report.

- a. Nearly got all signature forms done, though still some signatories to be removed.
- b. Ann cannot at present find the paying-in book for the benefice.
- c. Simon will do report for next time.

9. Fund raising.

- a. Safari supper *c/f*.
- b. 200/100 Club.
 - i. Suggestion for annual subscription of £20, with a quarterly draw.
 - ii. Draw to take place in the Village Shop?
- c. Other ideas.
 - i. Parish lunch.
 - Huge amount of work, danger of same people as always having to organise and prepare.
 - Stephen suggested perhaps a curry night in the Village Hall, getting someone in to do the food, and mentioned a friend who may be able to help. Stephen to find out more.
 - ii. Promises auction.
 - iii. Beetle drive.
- d. Pete Collett's wedding on August 31st.

- i. Church volunteers doing some of the catering, also having a hog roast.
- ii. Ann still looking for volunteers, Kate kindly offered to help.
- iii. Function to be at Tytherington Village Hall.

10. Chongwe & Livingstone links.

- a. Ann passed around some recent photos of the Anglican Church in Chongwe.
- b. There is a BBQ lunch being held on 13th July to raise funds for CLinC, all are welcome.
- c. Birmingham medical students are staying there to work over the summer

11. Correspondence & announcements (none)

12. Any other business.

- a. Stephen volunteered to set up and maintain a web site for St. Andrew's Church.
 - i. Ideas for content were briefly discussed, including the Benefice calendar and a welcome video for visitors.
 - ii. Stephen to try and prepare something to review at the next meeting.
- b. Songs of Praise type service for patronal festival, in place of morning service, at 3 p.m. on 23rd November.
 - i. Ask people to choose a hymn, and say why they chose it.
 - ii. Pat to prepare framework of prayers and readings.
- c. Chris & Anne Connolly to come off sidesmans rota.
- d. Kate has some dates on which she is unable to do Sunday School.
 - i. 29th June.
 - ii. 10th August (suggested to break for all of August).
 - iii. 7th September.
 - iv. Needs to do CRB (??)

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13. Dates of future meetings.

- a. August 19th (at Bibstone House)
 - i. Doug to chair.
- b. October 14th
- c. November 18th
- d. February 16th 2009

14. Pat closed the meeting with a prayer.