



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

## St. Andrew's Church, Cromhall Parochial Church Council



### MINUTES OF MEETING, 18<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2008, AT BIBSTONE HOUSE

**Present:** Ann Greenhalgh (Chair); Doug Collett; Stephen Youngs (Secretary).

**Apologies:** Mandy Bird; John Bird; Kate Bryant; Zena Whitefield; Pat Lyes-Wilsden; Jennifer Oldershaw.

#### Item

#### Action

1. Ann opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Apologies for absence were received as above.
3. The minutes of the last meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October were approved and signed without amendment.
4. Quinquennial report & other building matters.
  - a. Church alterations.
    - i. Quotes to be obtained in the first quarter of 2009, ideally three for comparison.
    - ii. Maurice's son has volunteered to do the tiling without charge.
    - iii. Kate, Doug & Stephen to meet to define scope of 'Phase I' and agree how to proceed with revised costings and subsequently the grant application(s) & faculty. Kate, Doug, Stephen.
  - b. Window Perspex replacement.
    - i. No progress since the last meeting, task remains outstanding with a target completion of before Christmas. Doug
  - c. Stone cross fallen from Church roof.
    - i. No progress since last meeting, carried forward. Doug
  - d. Pointing inside Tower.
    - i. Doug has measured up and has given details to Peggy to prepare cost estimate. Doug
  - e. Shrub pruning.
    - i. No progress, carried forward from last meeting: Doug to get a quote both for the pruning and the removal of two trees. Doug
  - f. Boiler service.
    - i. Awaiting service.
  - g. Removal of soil by yew tree.
    - i. No progress, carried forward.
  - h. Enlargement of Churchyard.
    - i. Ann and Pat have met with Robert from the Estate at the Churchyard. Now talking about a much larger area than originally envisaged, a flat area reaching as far as the drinking troughs with access via a gate in the wall.

- ii. Need to test the ground to make sure suitable for grave digging. TBA
    - i. Church Noticeboard (7. h. in last minutes)
      - i. Has now been refurbished by Roger and looks splendid, a letter of thanks to be sent on behalf of the PCC. Stephen
    - j. Old electric organ.
      - i. Unserviceable so Doug to take to recycling centre. Doug
5. JSC/LMT reports.
- a. Enlargement of LMT.
    - i. Six or seven names were put forward, interviews are in progress.
  - b. Child protection policy.
    - i. Guidelines have been received from the Diocese.
    - ii. Those working with all age groups now need to be CRB checked.
    - iii. To be circulated to PCC for consideration. Ann
  - c. A Saturday workshop has been arranged with Sandra Miller, the Diocesan Children's Officer, which is open to all churches in the Diocese.
    - i. The workshop is entitled 'Engaging children in worship' and is a subject many Churches struggle with.
    - ii. The workshop will take place on Saturday 17th January from 10.30am-3.30pm at St George's Church Cam.
    - iii. Kate or Mandy may be interested. Stephen to forward e-mail. Stephen
  - d. Bishop Michael's visit, 19<sup>th</sup> July 2009.
    - i. To have one combined service for the Benefice.
    - ii. Bring and share lunch in the Village Hall?
    - iii. 'Have a go' bell ringing??
  - e. Special Sundays.
    - i. A lot get missed out. JSC minutes not out yet, Ann to ask Jane for a list. Ann
6. Deanery Synod.
- a. Doug attended the 'Resourcing Christmas' meeting (publicised via the Deanery Synod) on Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, at St. Paul's near Thornbury, and has some resource material that he will pass on to Kate. Doug
7. Benefice Treasurers Meeting report.
- a. Three of the five Treasurers attended, along with Ann & Pat.
  - b. Payment of Parish Share.
    - i. £38,000 to raise between the five parishes.
    - ii. The cost of clergy is around £50k (taking into account all costs, housing,

administration and so on), so in effect still subsidised by the Diocese.

iii. We give away 10% general income, 5% fundraising. Maybe suspend giving for one year, and treat Gloucester Diocese as our charity?

iv. Stewardship resource pack is with Pat.

c. Envelope system.

i. How many envelopes are needed?

ii. Need to keep some spares.

d. Benefice account.

i. Run by Ann.

ii. Transfer to a restricted fund?

iii. When Pat leaves we won't have a Benefice Office, must think about what we can do.

All

8. Fund raising.

a. Sunday lunch.

i. Ros will do January or February to fit in with us

b. 100 Club.

i. Twenty-nine tickets not yet sold.

ii. Have some black counters in a bag for the draws.

iii. Consider bonus prizes, such as a Christmas draw.

c. Curry night in the Village Hall.

i. Karem Applegate in India until 21<sup>st</sup> November, so unable to do Curry Night on 22<sup>nd</sup> as hoped.

ii. Still a possibility for a later date, carry forward.

9. Chongwe & Livingstone links.

a. All but six calendars now sold to raise money for the Livingstone Anglican Children's Project, waiting to see who to pay.

Ann

10. Correspondence & announcements.

a. Stephen to put minutes of meetings in the Porch.

Stephen

11. Web site.

a. Pat and Stephen met on 6<sup>th</sup> November to look at getting some content online.

b. Pat to provide her photo.

Stephen, Pat

12. Any other business.

- a. None.

13. Dates of future meetings.

- a. January 21<sup>st</sup>, 7.30 at Bibstone House.
  - i. Special meeting focussing on fundraising.
  - ii. Ann to lead prayers and prepare the agenda.
- b. February 16<sup>th</sup> 2009

14. There being no further business, Pat closed the meeting with a prayer.