



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

St. Andrew's Church, Cromhall Parochial Church Council



MINUTES OF MEETING, 19th AUGUST 2008, AT BIBSTONE HOUSE

Present: Kate Bryant; Doug Collett (chair); Ann Greenhalgh; Jennifer Oldershaw; Stephen Youngs (Secretary)

Apologies: Zena Whitefield.

Item

Action

1. Jennifer opened the meeting with a prayer.
2. Apologies for absence were received from Zena.
3. The minutes of the last meeting on 16th June were approved and signed without amendment.
4. PCC members and officers update.
 - a. Mandy & John Bird have both agreed to join the PCC, on the understanding that to start with John will only attend when he is home and that Mandy doesn't have to be at every meeting if she has other things on.
 - b. It was unanimously agreed that Mandy & John be co-opted, Ann to let them know. AG
5. Quinquennial report & other building matters.
 - a. Church alterations.
 - i. Grant applications.
 - Geoff Crosthwaite is happy to continue to look for grants for the Church, but it is believed he wouldn't mind if someone else took over.
 - In order to try and move things along and bring the process within the control of the PCC, Ann will discuss with Geoff with a view to him handing over the work to Stephen. AG
 - If agreed, Stephen will pick up the paperwork from Geoff and discuss with Kate to ensure we benefit from her experience with the Village Hall application for funding from Cemex. SY/KB
 - ii. Costings now out of date, will need to be refreshed in due course.
 - iii. Faculty not yet applied for.
 - b. Window Perspex replacement.
 - i. No progress since the last meeting, task remains outstanding with a target completion of before Christmas. DC
 - ii. Kate volunteered Roger to help if he can, when the time comes.
 - c. Stone cross fallen from Church roof.
 - i. Doug has spoken to insurers, and in order for us to make a successful

claim there needs to have been a recognised storm wind at the time of the damage, otherwise it is just wear & tear. The shed was repaired on 29th May, so the damage must have occurred in the week leading up to that.

- ii. Doug hasn't had time yet to take the fallen bits to a stone mason for a cost estimate.
 - Pat has given details of a stonemason on Stroud.
 - Stephen mentioned that there were stonemasons carrying out repairs to a building in Wotton who might be worth contacting.
 - Kate suggested contacting Woodchester Mansion, as trainee stonemasons work there. Doug volunteered to call them, the number is 01453 861541. DC
- d. Shrub pruning.
 - i. Sue Bennett did prune under the Yew tree on the left.
 - ii. Actually looking to get rid of one of the trees and make room for a new one, the problem is they are growing into the overhead electric wires.
- e. Mollie's tree.
 - i. Tree is now purchased, and tied to another tree in the Churchyard so it doesn't get blown over.
 - ii. To be dedicated at 4 p.m. on Sunday, with Tony & his daughter in attendance. David Bennett has invited all into Court Farm afterwards for tea and cake.
 - iii. Ann will look round the Churchyard in the morning before the dedication to see where the tree will fit, and then discuss with Tony in the afternoon to see if he has a preference for it's location. AG
 - iv. Hilary has agreed to purchase a small plaque for the tree: "In memory of Molly Jones, dearly loved wife, mother & grandmother, Churchwarden of this Church 1981 – 1985". AG/HL
 - v. Ann has purchased a stake and strap for the tree which cost £30.08. Tony gave us £50, so we still have £20 towards the plaque.
 - vi. Kate volunteered Roger to install a small post for the plaque to be fixed to. KB
- f. Boiler emissions data / service.
 - i. Kate hasn't asked John Lord about the boiler emissions data, as he isn't very well. So late now that not worth chasing, agreed to wait until next service.
 - ii. Next service due before the end of September, but Kate doesn't think John will be able to do it as he is giving up work due to ill health.
 - iii. Ann asked if anyone knew other service engineers they could recommend.
 - John has provided details of someone in Bristol, Kate said she would give Doug the details. KB
 - Doug mentioned Tony Lovell, Pam's son.
 - Doug also mentioned E.C. Merrett from Frampton on Severn, who he needs to contact on another matter and so will ask them for a quote. DC
 - Jennifer said the people that service her boiler are Edwards
- g. Insurance certificate.

- i. Ann to ask Simon if he can find it. Carried forward. AG
 - h. Wall box (jammed lock problem).
 - i. Now back in use. Dorothy Ecott has a relative who is a locksmith, and he was able to open the box in a few minutes. Ann wanted to write and thank the locksmith, but was assured by Dorothy that there was no need. Thanks passed on anyway.
 - ii. There was about £8 inside.
 - iii. Ann has now passed the key over to Simon. Item closed.
 - i. Removal of soil by yew tree.
 - i. Still no progress. Doug and Steve Ashley will sort out at some stage. DC
 - ii. David Bennett did say he would find a hole to put it in.
 - j. Enlargement of Churchyard.
 - i. No developments. Item to be kept on agenda until concluded.
 - k. Altar layout.
 - i. Now completed. Item closed.

6. JSC/LMT reports.

- a. Pat to contact Baptist Minister in Thornbury to see if going to progress re. HMP Eastwood Park. Carried forward. PL-W
- b. Pat to send Stephen last JSC/LMT minutes. Carried forward. PL-W
- c. Enlargement of LMT.
 - i. No names to put forward from our Parish.

7. Deanery Synod.

- a. Jennifer is now the only representative. Nothing to report, next meeting on September 24th.

8. Treasurer's report.

- a. The meeting considered a report prepared by Simon, copy attached to these minutes.
- b. The £1,700 referred to has been transferred. The first cheque Simon sent never arrived, so has been cancelled and a new cheque sent.
- c. There was some discussion of the increase in parish share from £10,000 to over £11,500, which was seen as a large increase.
 - i. The Diocese is cutting costs where it can, and as we know has cut the number of priests, also some training.
- d. Looking forward, increases in overheads, such as electricity & oil, when taken with the increase in parish share present a significant challenge.
- e. The report was accepted without query.

9. Fund raising.

- a. Safari supper. Not heard anything from Ros, been busy and a grandchild due. Joan also busy and has medical problems. Carried forward.
- b. 100 Club.
 - i. Early indications are that we will have sufficient support.
 - ii. The structure of the draw was considered and it was agreed to offer 100 X £10 tickets, with four draws a year each paying prizes of £30, £20 and £10.
 - iii. People can buy as many tickets as they want, and as far as possible choose their own numbers.
 - iv. Ann to organise numbers and distribute them. AG
 - v. First draw to be at the end of November.
- c. Other ideas.
 - i. Curry night in the Village Hall considered a good idea, if safari supper doesn't go ahead.
 - Concern over how much advance notice of numbers necessary, as many are so late in committing to attend. Stephen to find out what is acceptable to Mrs Applegate, who prepares the food. SY
- d. Pete Collett's wedding on August 30th.
 - i. Volunteers doing some of the catering, after cost of ingredients all income to be donated to the Church.
 - ii. Still need to know final numbers
- e. Glos. Historic Churches Trust sponsored walk taking place on Saturday 13th.
 - i. Ann has sponsorship forms if anyone wants them, or can make a donation.

10. Chongwe & Livingstone links.

- a. Up to the Church to try and do something to forge this link.
 - i. Ann envisaged someone here who is a plumber making contact with someone there who is a plumber, for example.
 - ii. People will give things, but aren't keen on doing the communicating.
- b. CLinC is doing very well, with £660 raised from recent barbeque.

11. Correspondence & announcements.

- a. Open Day at the Cathedral on Thursday 9th October, from 2 p.m.
 - i. An opportunity to meet diocesan staff and see a range of presentations.

12. Web site.

- a. Stephen has registered www.saintandrewscromhall.org.uk to use for a Church web site for the Parish.
- b. It can provide an easy source of fund raising with click-through online shopping, easy to set up and free.
- c. Can also have a PayPal 'donate' button, for internet visitors who find the site interesting or useful.
- d. Stephen presented the following list of possible content, to promote discussion:
 - Church information
 - Worship
 - Contacts (phone, e-mail, map)
 - Ministry
 - Sermons (forum for discussion??)
 - Benefice team (welcome video from Pat – link to You Tube?)
 - Notices
 - Bible study resources (careful re. copyright)
 - Benefice information & activities
 - Links
 - Seasonal/liturgical topics
 - PCC (minutes??)
- e. Other ideas discussed included the 100 club results, and Sunday School information.
- f. Need to dovetail content in with that on Cromhall.com
 - i. The meeting looked at what was on Cromhall.com, and noted it was not being kept up to date and was very brief.
 - ii. Ann to let Claire know that Wednesdays at Cromhall needs taking off. AG
 - iii. Agreed that having our own site will give us control over content.
- g. Agreed that we need to discuss content when Pat is with us, to get her guidance.

13. Any other business.

- a. Discussion of the web site prompted consideration on the availability of PCC minutes to parishioners.
 - i. Ann commented that she thinks we should advertise more what we do, and suggested PCC minutes could be pinned in the porch as well as being published online.

- ii. The meeting agreed this was generally a good idea, though we may need to blank out any sections of a confidential nature, should they arise.

14. Dates of future meetings.

- a. October 14th
- b. November 18th
- c. February 16th 2009

15. Jennifer closed the meeting with a prayer.