



**MINUTES OF MEETING, 20<sup>th</sup> APRIL, AT BIBSTONE HOUSE**

**Present:** Ann Greenhalgh (Chair); Kate Bryant; Doug Collett; Jennifer Oldershaw; Stephen Youngs (Secretary); Mandy Bird.

**Apologies:** John Bird.

<b>Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
1. Ann opened the meeting with a prayer.	
2. Apologies for absence were received as above.	
3. The minutes of the last meeting on 19 <sup>th</sup> February were approved.	
4. Quinquennial report & other building matters.	
(a) Church alterations.	
i. Kate, Doug & Stephen to meet on Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> April to define scope of 'Phase 1' and agree how to proceed with revised costings and subsequently the grant application(s) & faculty.	KB, DC & SY
(b) Stone cross fallen from Church roof.	
i. Doug reported that Simon is going to progress with the insurers.	SN
(c) Next quinquennial survey.	
i. Last one was in 2004, so next due 2009.	
ii. Present architect not felt to be very efficient (months to get report), so Stephen to contact Diocese for details of alternative approved architects.	SY
(d) Churchyard shrubs & trees.	
i. A £60 donation has been received for the wood from the recent clearance.	
ii. Now need to choose some new shrubs and/or trees.	
• Agreed to buy two trees and three small shrubs.	
• £100 maximum budget.	
• Ros & Jenny to help choose.	DC
(e) Removal of soil by yew tree.	
i. Now up to the top of the wall, if the wall is damaged it could cost £2,000 to repair.	
ii. It was agreed that we should pay to have it removed, and then only allow grave diggers who remove the spoil.	DC
iii. Kate to draft a letter to undertakers/grave diggers.	KB
iv. Doug to have a word with Mark Woodward to see if he can use his digger to help move it.	DC

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(f) Enlargement of Churchyard. i. No further developments, carried forward.	PL-W
(g) Old electric organ. i. Gone! Item closed.	
(h) Ramp for porch. i. Doug to get a price for a portable ramp. ii. Need to ask Fen where Tortworth Church got their ramp from, also where they got their toilet from.	DC
(i) Tower roof felt & flashings. i. The main item outstanding from the last Quinquennial Report. ii. Quote for £2,500 received some time ago from All Types Roofing, thought to be excessive. iii. Doug says he hasn't checked on condition for a while, but when last looked was still watertight. To be reviewed.	DC
5. JSC/LMT reports.	
(a) Jennifer reported that there had been a joint Deanery Synod meeting with Dursley.  i. The merger is, as expected, going ahead and the combined Deanery is to be known as 'Dursley & District Deanery'.  ii. There is to be a Deanery inauguration service in the Cathedral on 1 <sup>st</sup> June.	
6. Fundraising:	
(a) The finger buffet for Debbie's Llewellyn's birthday on 14th March made £202.50.	
(b) The curry evening on March 7 <sup>th</sup> proved popular with 36 attending, and raised £190.75.	
(c) Plant sale arranged for 30 <sup>th</sup> May, 10 a.m. Until 12 p.m.,	
i. Kate to sort out the signs. ii. Donations of plants welcome.	KB
(d) Garden Fete 6th June, School Field.	
i. Hall has been booked. ii. Simon has ordered the raffle tickets, should arrive next week. iii. Need to get form from Sue Wray for use of field & school (toilets, kitchen, power & water).	
• Kate to e-mail Sue.	KB
iv. We should ask the school to do something on the day, perhaps a stall run by parents or some entertainment by the children.	
• Kate to e-mail the school.	KB
v. Doug to ask Debbie if the ballet school can perform again.	DC
vi. Doug to put a list up for volunteers to sign up to tasks.	DC
(e) Boules tournament in July? With afternoon tea. 4th July?	
i. To be discussed with Zena on Sunday.	AG

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- (f) Glos Historic Churches fund sponsored walk (we get 50%).
  - i. Ann has received a form for this year's walk, and has returned it so we should be getting details soon.
- (g) October. Bangers & Mash, with local photo quiz (or similar), maybe a film. 10th Oct.
  - i. Kate has booked the Village Hall.
- (h) Would be nice to do some carol singing this year, maybe around the village.
- (i) Ros to do a Sunday lunch instead of the safari supper discussed previously.
  - i. To be in Ros's garden.
  - ii. Need to check and see when she would like to do it.

AG

- (j) 100 Club.
  - i. Patrick Martin won the £50 in the last draw, half of which he donated back to the Church.
  - ii. Next draw to be on 30<sup>th</sup> May.

## 7. Livingstone Link.

- (a) Annual reports for Livingstone Anglican Childrens Project available in the Church.
- (b) Nongo Stew Restaurant
  - i. Planning to fund education, additional food, shoes & school uniform etc
  - ii. A group of five or six women who have forty-nine grandchildren between them.
  - iii. Hoping to tap into the tourist industry as a source of funds, have already had a tea party and raised £120.
  - iv. Coffee morning on 15<sup>th</sup> May 10.30 a.m. until midday, at Jill Williams' house, with a bring and buy and a raffle. Tickets on sale for £1.

## 8. Any other business.

## (a) Benefice Office.

- i. Pat has records, service sheets etc that need a new home when she retires and moves out of the Rectory.
- ii. Considering the 'BBC Room' in Falfield Village Hall.
- iii. Approximately £3,000 refurbishment cost to be shared amongst the five parishes if it's decided to go ahead.
- iv. A new Benefice office only makes sense if the Benefice continues in some form after Pat's retirement.
  - To what extent will we be one of the Thornbury group of parishes?
  - We should discuss with Pat to see if any proposals are on the table.
  - Then if necessary write to the Rural Dean, David Primrose, to seek clarification on how things will work when Pat has retired.
  - Thornbury has an office in the Church.

AG/DC/SY

SY

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- v. Needs to be discussed at the next JSC (date t.b.a.).

DC

**9. Dates of future meetings.**

(a) Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009, at Kate's house.

- i. Kate to chair.
- ii. Jennifer to lead the prayers.
- iii. Ann to prepare the agenda.

**10. There being no further business, Ann closed the meeting with a prayer.**