

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

## MINUTES OF MEETING, 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE, AT BRYDON HOUSE

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

**Apologies:** Mandy Bird.

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1. Jennifer opened the meeting with a prayer.	
2. Apologies for absence were received as above.	
3. The minutes of the last meeting on 18 <sup>th</sup> May were approved.	
4. Quinquennial report & other building matters.	
(a) Church alterations.	
i. No news yet regarding our Cemex Community Fund grant application.	
ii. Doug is investigating boiler costs.	DC
iii. Doug is to obtain copies of the plans for distribution to potential contractors for the building works.	DC
(b) Stone cross fallen from Church roof.	
i. Simon has contacted two stonemasons. Also has spoken to Ray Padfield who was in churchyard on the day, it was windy! Cost of repair about £3,000. £1,200 for the cross, access etc more expensive. No compulsion to replace it, so if no insurance money then won't..	SN
(c) Next quinquennial survey, due 2009.	
i. Letter received from Ruth Nicholls, Stephen to e-mail her to postpone until we have had a chance to consider options.	SY
ii. It was noted that her letter referred to ladder access. Any alternative architect needs to be asked about their access requirements.	DC
iii. Stephen to contact Diocese for details of alternative approved architects.	SY
(d) Churchyard shrubs & trees.	
i. Mandy has discussed selection with Joan, and now has a list. Will action end of September.	MB
(e) Removal of soil by yew tree.	
i. Gone! Done on Saturday. Was a full trailer load (maybe 15 tonnes).	
ii. Maybe we should supply skip and charge per grave? – suggestion by Doug. Speak to Bennets, see if can hire space for 4yd skip behind their wall. Action Doug.	DC
iii. Pat says undertakers have promised to remove in future.	
iv. Kate thinks gravediggers should take it. Now it's been cleared, should	KB

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make it more difficult for them to leave more. Kate will make contact with the contacts Pat suggests.	
(f) Enlargement of Churchyard.	SY
i. Stephen to speak to Pat about taking over this task from her.	
ii. Options for enlargement were discussed, and it was agreed that the best option is to square off the bottom of the School Field and enclose with post and rail fence and hedging.	SY
(g) Ramp for porch.	DC
i. Doug to get a price for a portable ramp.	
(h) Tower roof felt & flashings.	
i. Doug says he hasn't checked on condition for a while, but when last looked was still watertight. To be reviewed.	DC
(i) Heating man has done additional repairs to boiler (Kate contacted him). Firecheck valve fitted.	SN
(j) Electrical safety testing. Simon is contacting an engineer.	
(k) Ann and Doug to review what has been done from last Quinquennial Survey. Also tidy up the terrier.	AG & DC
5. JSC/LMT reports.	
(a) LMT coming up on Wednesday. Joint JSC and wardens meeting on 14th July.	
(b) LMT. Two new members officially on board, been to 2 or 3 meetings already. Myers Briggs personality profiling day at the Rectory. Helpful when working in a team. No 'normal' meetings yet. Gordon Hind leaving as well as Pat, so back to only 5 members. Looking at organisation of services when Pat has retired.	
(c) Archdeacons meeting.	
i. Ester unfortunately couldn't attend, but all ten wardens were present.	
ii. We will probably get an interim minister. New Deanery set up to stabilise before making permanent decisions. Has two people in mind, one has indicated would be prepared to do it. Three Sundays out of four. First call for weddings and funerals. Located within six miles apparently. No plans for selling the Rectory, but will be let immediately. May have to close one Sunday a month. Could have morning prayer instead, but need to consider the 'join with Rockhampton' option. 15 to 18 months before any more permanent arrangements made. Complicated by the change of Deanery.	
(d) Deanery Update	
i. Had first normal meeting last week, held at Bluecoats School in Wotton. Two from Hawkesbury (incl Jen) did the refreshments.	
ii. Jennifer showed us map of new Deanery.	
iii. Presentations given from each benefice. Kay Rea did ours. To get to know the new Deanery (no. Churches, schools etc).	
iv. Have a standing committee, lay chair, area Dean, treasurer, secretary, rep from house of Clergy. Meets between D Synod meetings.	
v. Discussed election of Pastoral Committee, one rep per Benefice (lay or	

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clergy).	
vi. Long session on the parish share. David Thomas will contact all Treasurers. The two old Deaneries were allocating their parish share in more or less the same way. 2010 share proposed increase, but minimized by freeze on stipends & lay salaries, extended duration vacancies and dept savings (short of redundancies).	
vii. Stephen to pin a copy of the Pastoral Order in Church porch.	SY
(e) Office.	
i. Second price in for electrics at the Falfield VH.	
ii. Rockhampton are now contributing, Falfield have also identified funds.	
iii. Interim was apparently keen on having a Parish Room. Uley have one, works very well. Peter Reeves (architect) investigating if need for change of use planning approval.	
(f) Bishop Michael's visit.	
i. Not seen final plan from Pat yet, waiting for his feedback to draft plan.	
6. Fundraising:	
(a) Plant sale raised nearly £300, very successful! Thanks to Peggy.	
(b) Garden Fete. Rained! Relocated to Village Hall. Went very well despite the weather, easier to set up and clear. Good atmosphere. No skittles or coconut shy. Will organize there in future if weather doubtful. Made £1,400. Takings on teas down a bit, but otherwise income similar to last year. Real plus was getting the school involved. A lot of good bric-a-brac. Wotton Gym Club were double booked, as we didn't give them enough notice. Book them for next year, Sat 5th June. Action Doug.	DC
(c) Boules tournament postponed until September.	
i. Ann has now discussed with Zena. 12th or 19th. Zena to check her diary.	ZW
(d) Glos Historic Churches walk.	
i. Notice in 5-alive. Is 12th Sept or 19th (depends on Boules do).	
(e) Bangers & Mash on 10th Oct. Clashes with David Bennet's 90th B'day. Go for a different day, 24th. Kate to change Hall booking.	KB
(f) Would be nice to do some carol singing this year, maybe around the village.	
(g) 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
(h) Next 100 Club draw end August. Then collect for second year. Give form to existing ticket holders, with name & number. Ask to return with money for next year if want same number. Ann bring list to next meeting.	AG
7. Livingstone Link.	
(a) Restaurant up and running. No complaints! Food reportedly excellent. Not as many bookings as hoping for in second week, will take a bit of time for word to get around. Fridge was purchased, had enough money from our fundraising - £9 left in the account..	

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8. Treasurer's Report	
i. No report as Simon is away.	
9. Harvest Festival	
(a) 27th September. Kate to see if Hall booked for Harvest Lunch. Normal 9.30 service. Think of a theme, possibly something to do with the seed and fertilizer packets(??)	KB
10. Thanks to Simon for pictorial record of the old gravestones, now on the web site.	
11. Tidy up old posters on noticeboard. Samaritans etc.	All
12. CCLI license runs out end of June. Simon to investigate renewal.	SN
13. Dates of future meetings.	
(a) Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> July at Mandy & John's.	
i. John to lead opening prayer.	
ii. Jennifer to chair.	
(b) Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September at Zena's.	
14. There being no further business, Jennifer closed the meeting with a prayer.	