

Wallingford Parochial Church Council

Minutes of a PCC Meeting held on Tuesday 12th July 2011
at 7.45 p.m. in St. Mary's Church

PRESENT

David Rice	Mavis Bolton	Roger Morgan	Kate Spence	Jane Anderson
Jane Tuckett	Val Woodings	Milli Eaton	Margaret Pritchard	Ralph Shephard
Hazel Ford	Anthony Hill	Alan Streets		

1. Apologies and notification of items for any other business

Apologies were received from Amy Smith, John Hooper, Catherine Lidbetter, Stephen Harrison, Sally Eccleston, Richard Carling, Sue Brodrick

AOB items include, OHCT, Roadworks by St. Mary's, Utilites, Organ recitals, Diocesan Annual return.

2. Review the minutes of the PCC meeting on 25th May 2011

2.1. Amendments

25 May 2011 5.5 The SHAPING CONFIDENT, COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP committee had not met *since* the last PCC

2.2. Approval

The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the chairman.

2.3. Matters arising

25 May 2011 2.3 Flowers for Hannah McDonald were gratefully accepted.

25 May 2011 2.3 2.3 Fire drill is still outstanding

25 May 2011 The Friends have been thanked for their contribution to stonework repairs

25 May 2011 2.3.6 - Lighting - The standing Committee will review this.

25 May 2011 2.4 PAT testing still outstanding - Mavis has reminded Dave Josephs

25 May 2011 2.4 2.6 Clergy stalls - will be inspected at the quinquennial next week

Utilities

Roger Morgan noted the St. Leonard's contract runs to Jan 2012. St. Mary's has a non-contract supply from Southern Electric, who have now offered a 12 month fix for electricity from 30th August. Gas contract to be offered. The energy purchasing group can help us - but they need our consumption for the past year. David recalled that our price had been due to fall following Sue's work in November. Roger Morgan will check with Sue Brodrick about this. We are on 5% VAT as a registered charity.

2.4. Review Standing Committee minutes from 27th June meetings

Choir sub committee - cheque to Sue is outstanding - will be paid this week.

9.1 Thank you to Jane Anderson for taking on the production of the pew sheet.

9.3 Organ recitals - Roger Morgan reported that they'll donate proceeds to StyleAcre (£220). We had planned 6 recitals - in fact we have 4 more coming up on 2nd August in St. Leonard's, 10th September in St. Mary's, 24th September in St. Mary's and 8th October in St. Mary's. There are 4 more offered - we will save them for 2012.

3. Financial report

Stephen Harrison was absent but had sent the report which was reviewed.

4. Renewal finances and snagging

Snagging has been completed (except for the glass door not closing).

5. Reports from the Vision sub committees

5.1. SUSTAINING THE SACRED CENTRE (Kate Spence)

This committee met twice since the last PCC, to review the (worship) audit report. Further information from Church House is due.

There was also a meeting to plan the King James anniversary service (held on 10th July). A similar service could be held again.

5.2. MAKING DISCIPLES (John Hooper)

John Hooper had sent a report by email - which stressed the need to liaise with other groups. We should respect the work of other groups and cooperate rather than reinvent. If we have a youth group, it could be started by certain families, rather than imposed by a committee. Comments to be referred to John Hooper and the sub group. We could support the Methodist's open evenings for young people. We could

hold Sunday evening events in St. Mary's - which could involve a contemporary 'youth service'.

5.3. MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD (Richard Carling)

Roger Morgan reported that the group will meet Style Acre next week to explore what kind of things they need funds for and what church members could do for StyleAcre. The group is also planning a meeting with the Kimberley Link people (organised by the Diocese) following the link that Moulsoford parish have with a village.

The group is still drafting a case for giving more to charity (there's a figure of 10% mentioned in the Living Faith vision document but we have to clarify whether this include special collections).

5.4. CREATING VIBRANT CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES (Amy Smith)

Anthony Hill reported that he group met since the last PCC, to consider implementing ideas and consider the use of notice boards and social media. Antony has created a Twitter account, to post church news. The group is also looking at the church's little used Facebook page. Margaret Pritchard noted that our noticeboard doesn't have space for user groups to promote their activities. One of the moveable screens is being used as an experiment. We have entered a competition with Biffa for funding and were are one of five in a certain category. This may provide funds for more noticeboards (prizes of £2000 and £7000).

5.5. SHAPING CONFIDENT, COLLABORATIVE LEADERSHIP (Jane Tuckett)

Jane Tuckett reports that the group has met twice since the PCC. There's now a large print welcome leaflet on the welcome table. More than 200 leaflets have been taken. A further, more detailed leaflet is planned, giving more historical detail.

The group has made contact with Abingdon - to consider their model of house groups. However, the concept of cluster groups is preferred, for pastoral supervision has been planned and some members have been approached, based on natural groups where possible. A meeting will be planned when names are confirmed. Milli Eaton has agreed to be a pastoral coordinator - to coordinate notes and comments from people, to pass to the Rector.

This doesn't include the issue of welcome for new people - which is a subject for separate consideration - maybe with a 'welcome coordinator'.

6. Report from the stewardship group

Roger Morgan reported that the group is planning to meet soon - there's a lot of work to do to propose a stewardship campaign including a motivating letter with a message from each of the Vision Group leaders. The campaign won't be ready until autumn and could be related to the proposed cluster groups. The letter to be supported by personal contact

and from the pulpit. The letter might include mention of legacies (to be decided). Other charitable groups have done this effectively - to some extent supplanting legacies to the church.

7. Report from Deanery synod

Amy Smith has forwarded a report. Roger Morgan has been elected to the Deanery standing committee. A leaflet showing the Oxford Diocese Pilgrimage Map was circulated (a Living Faith initiative). There's also a card about a planned day to connect with Christians in other parts of the World.

8. Health and safety

A second hand rail will be fitted to the mezzanine stairs.

9. Any other business as notified above

OHCT (Oxfordshire Historic Churches Trust) will hold the usual sponsored Ride and Stride on Saturday 10th September. We need a volunteer to organise the event - to coordinate volunteers for all three churches (St. Mary's, St. Leonard's and St. Peters), encourage people to complete the forms, and collect the money. An organ recital has deliberately been planned for the same day.

Roadworks by St. Mary's. The work has caused the building to shake. A photo has been sent to John Rees who provided a text to send to the council. We will also photograph the work in St. Mary's St. We have informed our insurers to register the possibility of damage.

The garden wall has further collapsed (but not due to the road work). Sue Brodrick registered the problem with SODC, who are responsible for closed church yards. SODC probably will pay for the repairs (a faculty will be needed).

A resolution was proposed by Roger Morgan and seconded by Alan Streets to agree to the work to repair the churchyard northwest perimeter wall. Unanimously agreed with 13 members present.

Utilities (covered in matters arising above)

Organ recitals (covered in matters arising above)

Diocesan Annual return. This needs to be sent soon. Hazel Ford has been checking member's details.

10. Date of next meeting (19th September)

Dain Pine, Chair 19.9.11