

APPROVED (16/11/2016)

Minutes of ALL HALLOWS CHURCH, South Cerney with HOLY TRINITY, Cerney Wick PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING held on Tuesday 20th September in All Hallows church at 7.30pm

- 1 **Prayers** Led by Mrs Townsend (Next meeting to be led by Rev'd A Austin)
2. **Present** Mr G James (Chairman), Mrs J Gardiner, Mr M Gould, Mrs D Hazelden, Mrs V Jones, Mrs C Kennedy, Mr A Squire, Mrs J Townsend, Mrs C Wilkinson, Mr R Webb, Mr P Williams.

In attendance for item 3 of meeting: Dr Amanda Fry.

Apologies: Rev'd A Austin, Mrs J May, Mr R Edgar.

- 3 **Safeguarding:** At this point Mandy Fry addressed the meeting. Some things have changed. Gloucestershire diocese have offered to be in the pilot scheme to be audited. DBS checks are now only required for a small number of people depending on frequency and number of roles they are involved in. Those who are volunteering in other identified roles or activities will be asked to complete a Confidential Declaration form which will be held safe and secure in the office. Mandy has talked with Preston and Siddington nominated persons who filled in their own forms. Carolyn Kennedy asked how we are getting on with people who need DBS check. Mandy was thanked for her information and then left the meeting.

- 4 **Minutes of Meeting held on 20th July 2016:**
Proposed by Diana Hazelden and seconded by Jenny Gardiner that the minutes are a true record. All in favour. Minutes then signed by the Chairman.

4a **Matters Arising: From minutes of 20/716 meeting:**

- a) 4a) **Head and Foot:** Yet to be dealt with. AS
- b) 4b) **Oil filled candles:** Mrs Swaffer is happy to buy the candles; we will order them. AS
- c) 4c) **Creating prayer spaces for children:** Joan Townsend confirmed that the date of this course, which she and Angie Austin are to attend, is 23rd November.
- d) 4f) **Church Guide:** David Lewis to move this on. DL/GJ/
AS
- e) 4g) **West Window jigsaw:** To be progressed. AS/GJ
- f) 4h) **Garidepalli:** Chairman suggested that we let people know, via the Interlink, that Roger Edgar is now the personal link. RE

We note that next Sunday, Israel and Balaji, both clergy in the Dornakal Diocese in the Church of South India, will be with us at the 8 and 10 o'clock services.

- g) 15a) **Cerney Wick chairs:** The old chairs have been removed. Noted that replacement chairs will need to be in place before the Christmas carol service.

5 **Correspondence:** Nil.

6 **Finance:**

a) **General:** The Treasurer handed round his report to those present.

b) **Stewardship:** The Stewardship Committee had met on 13th September and Jenny Gardiner reported the following points:

- committee will wait for the new vicar before a planned giving scheme is launched.

- a database of parishioners will be compiled, the idea being that we can then send regular churchgoers information to bind the congregation together. From this we can introduce the subject of money on a more frequent basis, with a possibility of videos. This would also give a chance for interviews with the new incumbent with an introduction to the public.

- there is a need to change the expense form so that anyone who incurs expenses can split the cost out between the three parishes and then claims can be made to each.

7 **Vacancy Matters:**

The benefice profile team have met weekly for several weeks to compile the profile. Chairman commented on the great amount of work put in, especially by Martin Gould who has produced the document. Archdeacon pleased with where we are with it, but he felt the last few pages need some more input/pulling together. Agreed that our churchwardens, Tony and Martin, will speak further with Preston and Siddington as soon as possible, in order to finish and send off the profile.

AS/MG

Election of Parish Representatives:

Tony Squire and Martin Gould were proposed by Vicki Jones, seconded by Diana Hazelden and, with their agreement, they were elected unanimously.

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It was then agreed by all that Joan Townsend would be our reserve representative. Secretary to inform the Archdeacon's secretary.

8. **Church Raffle - Street Fair:**

AS

Tony Squire offered to take on the role of running the raffle for which members were grateful. Jenny Gardiner will help him where possible.

9 **Experience Harvest:**

Chairman said that this would take place in church on 11th and 12th October with 4 classes from Ann Edwards school attending.

10 **Request for a copy of PCC minutes to be publicly available:**

Secretary said that she had received this request from one of our church members. The rules state that the minutes should be made available publicly, but omitting confidential matters. An emailed endorsement from Jennifer May (unable to be present) was read out. Secretary will get this in place as soon as practicable with help from David Lewis, who will put the documents onto our website, and from Jeannie Adam. Additionally, a 'hard' copy will be available to read in church. Congregation to be informed when achieved.

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- 11 **Ministry Development Team**
Secretary read out a report from Liz Pearse.
'The MDT did not meet in August but resumed monthly meetings on the first Wednesday of September. We gathered in Preston church and had a quiet prayerful meeting ably led by Carol.
We shared our experiences at the end of this session and we will meet again on the first Wednesday of October in Cerney Wick church for a similar evening.
We are spending the time during the interregnum getting to know each other ready for whatever tasks we may take on at a later date.
Although there was no meeting in August most of us went to Coffee Pot together that month as a small social event'.
- 12 **Social Committee report:**
Photo Trail - Donations meant that the Brain Tumour Charity and All Hallows church each benefited by the sum £380.

8th October – Harvest Supper.
10th-11th December – Christmas Tree Festival.

Ideas for 2017 – Safari Supper, Scarecrow Trail, Open Gardens, Yarn Bombing, Walk to Preston, Street Fair weekend.
- 13 **Fabric and Furnishing:**
Tony Squire reported that two new locks have been fitted – on one of the toilet doors and on the boiler room door. Cost £150 approx.
Inspection report of lightning conductors. All Hallows cost £51 for testing. For Cerney Wick £51 for testing, but it failed. Cost to repair - £450 plus VAT. Another quote being sought.
Fence at the back of a grave at All Hallows paid for by a parishioner. Another grave is to have similar fence which will be paid for by family.
Copper birch – big branch fallen off. £40 to take down.
- 14 **Any Other Business:**
a) Concert in church Friday 11th November in aid of British Legion.

b) Joan Townsend said that she and Liz Pearse will attend the 'Journeying Together' session in Cirencester this Thursday.

c) Knitting group to meet again on Tuesdays to make another crib figure.

d) Christmas card – Joan spoke about this year's card showing a photo of a crib scene. In principle, agreed.

e) Confirmation service at Bibury church on Sunday 23rd October.

f) All Souls service - 30th October at 3pm. Bereaved people to received invitation.

g) Tony Squire – burial register to be brought up to date.

h) Welsh Male Voice Choir concert – Chairman gave some information about a possible concert in church next year.

15 **Date of next meeting:**

Wednesday, 16th November 2016, 7.30pm in church, when dates for PCC meetings in 2017 will be decided.

Meeting closed with The Grace at 9.15 pm.

