

Minutes of Bemerton PCC Meeting Tuesday 9th January 2018

Present: Terri Seaton, Mike Bird, Hilary Bird, Pauline Townshend, Colin Frayling, Gillian Newton, Simon Woodley, Derek Townshend, Neil Robinson, Frank Pessell; Helen Pessell, Laurence Newton, Howard Tranter, Susan Drewett; Nicky Hanc. (Also 2 interpreters)

Apologies; Robyn Golden-Hann, Debbie Ford.

Minutes

The minutes of the meeting 7th November were signed as a true record

Matters Arising

1. Safeguarding , Laurence has now completed CO leaving Terri, Mike, Hialry and Colin left to complete the courses
2. The decoration of St Michaels will begin the week commencing 15th January 2018. Colin is meeting with Mouldings tomorrow to discuss the plans and give them a key. Simon showed the committee a list of what needs to be removed and after some additions Simon will send the list to Colin so he can discuss what can be covered and what needs to be moved. It was decided that a working party will meet from 2-4pm on Saturday to clear the church. Simon will e-mail looking for volunteers.
3. Parish audits are still outstanding by several people
4. Hilary reported on the many projects awaiting various stages of approval in Lower Bemerton
 - The cupboards have not progressed and will require a new joiner which will delay the process
 - The Magnolia replacement is approved
 - The notice boards are going through faculty
 - The war graves notice is returned to the War Graves Commission to get permission from the Archdeacon
 - St Andrew's door is being reviewed by DAC
 - St Andrew's tripping stone, re-pointing awaiting confirmation of the need for a faculty or just Archdeacons permission.
 - The Marjorie Grant seat the family have asked for a change in words if it fits comfortably on a plaque also awaiting confirmation of the need for a faculty or just Archdeacons permission.
5. Served - Simon clarified the position as several members were unclear as to what has been decided about a served. Although when asked, the congregation had indicated a new served would enhance the church it was still the PCC's decision as to the most appropriate use for the money we have. At the last meeting Colin was asked to find out if a served could be obtained for about £5,000. This he has done but any server will need a faculty which will take up to a year to be granted and will entail drawings and 3 quotes. Therefore Simon asked the PCC to consider how we proceed. After discussion it was decided, as a majority decision, to wait until after the weekend away in March to see how our vision for the Parish is received by the congregation.

Christmas Review

The services over Christmas were discussed and Simon showed a chart of the people attending over previous years compared to this. It was agreed that most of the services were well attended and that having extra services increased those attending even when 2 services ran at the same time in different churches. Simon stressed the importance of ensuring numbers of

those attending were kept and were accurate. Carols at the White Horse were especially well attended.

The PCC shared stories of hope

Treasurers Report (Circulated prior to Meeting)

Our Income for the year was 75,900 with expenditure 80,400 leaving a deficit of 4,500 which although to be regretted was considerably better than forecast. The collection plate has also seen an increase due to the Jubilee celebrations and Christmas. The legacy money will stand at 100,000 after the decorating has been completed.

Pat Cleeve has been counting the collections and organizing the envelopes for the last 20 years but has now decided to retire. The PCC is very grateful but will thank her more publically at the APCM. Keren will now count the envelopes on a Monday Morning and is asking for a second person to help her each week as this demonstrates best practice. There will be a rota for counting the collection each week.

Parish Strategy

- Quidhampton Village Hall - Simon has met with the Hall committee and promised another 5 year lease if the activities in the hall continue to increase. The building has been deemed as better than expected and better links are being forged with the parish
- Simon has stepped down as Chairman of St John's Place but will remain on the committee. The new chair has experience and time to offer the role. Financially SJP is doing well with a small loss of 4,000 this year
- Small group leaders meetings now include, house groups, haven and the SJP Thursday group
- St Peter's Place group has been discussing the potential of a part time chaplain and pioneer worker. There has already been the offer from Sarum Academy of a house and also people who feel moved by God to take on the work possibly buying a house themselves in St Peter's Place. The new Head teacher has been appointed to the school who knows the area having been previously deputy at Woodlands and St Peters and Sarum Academy would like governors from the Parish.

Worship talking about our God given gifts and those we see in others.

Community Centre Update

Ineta has been successful in gaining a social enterprise award which will give the centre support and match funding up to 10,000 for money making ventures. This could be increasing the café, setting up new groups or any other ventures and will involve the Community Centre setting itself up as a CIC.

Ineta is also looking into the possibility of the Church venturing into a Local Domiciliary Care Enterprise and is meeting with a small working party to see how this would work to help the local community and generate income for the church.

Safeguarding

The Child Protection and Vulnerable Adult Policy were adopted for the year without amendment. Helen has now attended training to allow her to deliver the C1 face to face training needed by some key members of the parish.

Lent Course

This years Lent Course is called Mission Shaped Introduction and will be slightly different but very interesting

Simon asked for volunteers to go to Grace Church on 28th Jan as part of the week of Christian Unity. Frank and Derek volunteered to go taking a prayer request from the church.

Any Other Business

- The AV needs whilst we are in the community centre was discussed. It may be easier to use printed music and services as the front of the service will be at the stage to improve the light for those needing to sign.
- Susan is planning another Jumble Sale in Feb
- Terri has had to ring 999 3 times recently and she asked the PCC to fund a First Aid Course for her to gain experience enabling her to help. Simon would also be interested in this. Helen reminded Terri that she should see what is available rather than Emergency First Aid at Work which involves actual resuscitation procedures

Future Dates

- **Jan 16th Prayer night at St Michael's**
- **Feb 6th Standing Committee**
- **Feb 13th Pancake evening then Prayer night at St Michael's**
- **Feb 14th Ash Wednesday 7.30 communion - St Andrews**
- **Wed night lent groups - ? in Poppy Room**
- **March 6th PCC**
- **16th -17th March Parish Weekend**