

**MINUTES OF THE PCC MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 1st DECEMBER 2011,
IN THE GROUND FLOOR BOARD ROOM, DEDDINGTON ARMS, DEDDINGTON**

Present: Revd Dr Hugh White (Chairman), Revd Dr Dan Inman, Olivia Fenion, Iain Gillespie, Judy Ward, Jean Welford, Pat Brittain, Rosemary Wilson, David Rogers, John Osborough, Lilian Curnow, George Fenemore, Kristin Thompson, Jenny Ward and Anita Deane (Secretary).

Start time: 7.30 p.m.

1 Prayers: The Vicar's prayers made reference to the Advent season and included a request for the Holy Spirit's guidance with our mission in the world.

2 Apologies: These were received from Les Chappell.

3 Photovoltaic panels update: David Rogers provided a written summary of the stage reached, a copy of which is on file. A long discussion took place concerning the theme of exercising caution in the current climate. The question was asked whether it would be a good idea to have photovoltaic cells on the roof, supplied by SMC Ltd and for the process to be supervised by the Buildings Committee. Rosemary Wilson proposed it, David Rogers seconded it, 13 members of the PCC agreed with the motion and 2 were against it. The Secretary was asked to prepare the extract from the minutes for the Faculty application. **Action: The Secretary.**

4 Screen update: This was also included in David Rogers' summary. It was clarified that no planning permission is required. Iain Gillespie said there had been an offer of one donation of £1,000. It was agreed to revisit this subject after Christmas.

5 Deddington On Air update: This was also included in David Rogers' summary. Examples were also given about the listeners to the Christianity talks. Iain Gillespie said he had received a donation towards 2 years' running costs for the Church's internet streaming operation from the Communications Director of the Diocese. Discussion took place about clergy involvement in D.O.A., from a time constraints and evangelical point of view. The PCC was asked if it would contribute financially to D.O.A. and it was agreed that it would at some point, as D.O.A. is involved in broadcasting church services.

6 Flooring estimates: Discussion took place about the 3 estimates received for new flooring in the toilets and kitchen area. It was agreed that Olivia Fenion would provide a proposal for the cleaning of the current floors and re-sealing around the base of the sink in the ladies toilet and the base of the toilets. Discussion took place about the wall covering in the toilets and it was agreed to investigate options to improve the situation, following the quinquennial inspection in February. **Actions: Olivia Fenion/Churchwardens.**

7 Church congregation: A view was expressed about the importance of communication between members of the congregation, both outside and inside the Church, as a sign of our love for each other as people. One matter of concern raised was the segregation of tables at the Friday coffee morning in the Church (though it was acknowledged that this is not a church event). Other examples of perceived communication failures were given. The Vicar felt it was valuable to draw attention to this matter.

8 Chair cushions: The Vicar advised that the craft group is considering presenting the PCC with a proposal.

9 Swedish Choir arrangements: The Vicar asked for more accommodation to be provided for the Choir. It was noted that the Swedish priest coming on an exchange arrangement technically involving curates, (he would be arriving earlier than the Choir), in fact has 20 years' experience.

10 Charitable giving by PCC: Iain Gillespie advised that the Church usually has to top up the donations to the charity of the month to £25, around 8 times a year. When the collection is given to guest speakers, a good response occurs. Discussion took place on whether the Church should, as in previous years, tithe and, if so, whether it should take into consideration, for instance, expenditure on the Youth Worker, who is also involved in non-church activities. It was agreed that there should be a principle of tithing from the Church, with details to be decided later.

11 Boys' Brigade Visit to Mmabatho: The Vicar advised the PCC that boys and leaders from the Boys' Brigade would be visiting South Africa during February 2012 half term, plus Dan, Sarah Green and

himself. A discussion took place about how financially to support the BB and church employees. A discretionary fund of £3,000 was suggested to cover expenses such as a proportion of employees' flight costs and the party's travel within South Africa. Rosemary Wilson proposed it, Pat Brittain seconded and it was unanimously agreed upon.

12 Treasurer's report: Iain Gillespie's report is on file. The money raised by the Fire Walk already exceeds its costs and is still being collected. Money has now been transferred to South Africa to cover the cost of the wages of the Assistant Teacher on the Tsogo project. The project is going well and they now have more children than at the beginning of the year.

13 Future PCC dates: These were decided upon as listed below.

14 Deanery Synod report: This was already distributed and is on file, including amendments made at the meeting. A request was made for the details being circulated on the Anglican Covenant to be read by all the PCC members, prior to the meeting of 3 Deaneries to discuss it in Deddington Church on 26th January.

15 Minutes of October PCC meeting: For point 6 on the Screen the last part of the sentence was removed and now reads " Judy Ward proposed, John Osborough seconded and the PCC were unanimous in favour of proceeding." The Vicar then signed and dated the minutes.

16 Matters arising: For point 8 concerning Hempton Church, George Fenemore advised that he knew someone who would be interested in the pews being disposed of. The Secretary offered to advise Les Chappell. The Secretary said it was now known that the lead could have been stolen from Hempton Church roof anytime from January onwards and the insurance company would be advised accordingly.
Actions: The Secretary.

17 Standing Committee minutes: These were not available.

18 Any Other Business:

18.1: A 'drop in' facility will be available at Deddington Church on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

18.2: A request was made for a bigger sign advertising services. It was agreed that the big board would be cut in half, so that it is manageable in size.

19 Closing prayer: The meeting closed at 10.00 p.m., with the saying of the Grace.

Dates and venue of future PCC meeting: **Thursday 12th January at 7.30 p.m., in the Ground Floor Board Room of the Deddington Arms**

Thursday 23rd February at 7.30 p.m., in the Ground Floor Board Room of the Deddington Arms

Thursday 29th March at 7.30 p.m., in the Ground Floor Board Room of the Deddington Arms.

The **A.P.C.M.** will be:

Thursday 26th April at 7.30 p.m. in St Peter and St Paul Church, Deddington.