

**MINUTES OF THE PCC MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH JUNE 2011
IN THE LIVING ROOM, ST PETER AND ST PAUL CHURCH, DEDDINGTON**

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

Start time: 8.00 p.m.

Agenda Items:

1 Prayers: The Vicar's prayers included a request for the Holy Spirit to guide us and he gave thanks for our calling in the Church.

2 Apologies: Apologies had been received in advance from Jenny Ward and Annette Murphy, and John Osborough was absent.

3 Review of salaries/payments to PCC Secretary/Benefice Secretary/Youth Worker/Organist: Iain Gillespie said that increases had not been budgeted for this year and it was clarified that the Benefice Secretary had never received an increase since doing the role. It was agreed to defer the decision to a Standing Committee meeting, which would be arranged to take place before the July PCC meeting.
Action: The Vicar.

4 Co-op grant: Lilian Curnow asked the PCC to send a thank you letter to the Co-op for the £250.00 grant which had been received, which had been spent on computer paper and inkjet cartridges for the internet cafe, which is for the benefit of the whole community. It was agreed that the Secretary would send the letter. **Action: The Secretary.**

5 Updates from PCC meetings: The Vicar advised that updates have not been produced following the last few meetings and no one has commented on their absence. He said they are burdensome to produce and suggested that they are discontinued on an experimental basis. This was agreed upon.

6 Looking forward to Priesthood for the Curate: The Vicar said this item would be the first in a series of items at PCC meetings on spiritual matters. Dan Inman advised that he would be going on a 3-4 day retreat before his ordination. Dan talked about being a priest in the Christian church today. He said that his ordination felt the culmination of a long journey and the beginning of the next one. Dan thanked everyone for their prayers, guidance and support. Lilian Curnow gave thanks for Dan and the work he has done in the Church. Dan clarified that he will remain at our churches for the next 2 years at least.

7 Staff costs for attendance at Boy's Brigade camp: The Vicar advised that he will be away on holiday during the camp, but Dan Inman would attend some of the time and Sarah Green the whole time. The total cost would be in the £200-250 region, which was why the Vicar asked for the PCC's approval. The expenses were unanimously approved.

8 Treasurer's report: Iain Gillespie felt confident that the money needed to fund the Youth Worker would come in before the end of the year, but he said he would ask those who pledged money to pay before Sarah Green's new contract starts in October. Iain said there will be an extra cost to security mark the roof to ensure we meet the requirements of the insurance company's new policy which comes into force from 1st July. Iain advised that the Jerusalem Trust has given a grant of £1,000 towards the costs of the planned talks on the History of Christianity. **Action: Iain Gillespie.**

9 Deanery Synod report: Kristin Thompson said that the Synod had marked Viviane Hall's 17 years of service by giving her flowers and a card. Kristin said that 50% of those training for ordination are women. The Synod has asked PCCs to consider how dissenters are accommodated if women are ordained as Bishops. Rosemary Wilson offered to provide copies of a recent article about women bishops, which was printed in the Church Times, to enable PCC members to familiarise themselves with the issues before discussing it at the next meeting. It was confirmed that our churches would receive no rebate on parish share payments from the Deanery, as Deanery Synod had agreed that the rebate should be used to help churches struggling to pay the parish share. **Action: Rosemary Wilson/The Secretary.**

10 Minutes of April PCC meeting: For point 10 it was noted that Olivia Fenion would not be continuing on the "First Sunday Committee". For point 15 it was noted that Olivia Fenion had spoken to the "Vice Chairman". The minutes were then duly signed by The Vicar.

11 Matters arising: (All in point 15). The Arts Committee met the day before this meeting to discuss the grand piano and terms of use and a document would be produced for the PCC concerning suggested fees for using the piano. The formal launch date for the piano would be October 15th and it was agreed that senior piano students would perform at the concert. The Committee had reservations about restricting the movement of the piano and thought it might be appropriate for the higher insurance costs associated with not immobilising it to be paid. It was agreed to discuss this aspect at a later date. Olivia Fenion outlined a number of issues which had occurred with the Fair for the youth fund. 2 of those who had offered to help could no longer do so, a poor response had been received from commercial stall holders for a stall and the lists requesting volunteers to run stalls and make soup and cakes had not been printed off. It was decided to cancel the Fair and advertising for it and to explore whether elements from the Fair might be incorporated in the Christmas. Jean Welford said that she had received a letter from the insurers about Donald Welford's memorial stone which had requested proof that the damage had been caused by contractors at work on the trees and said she would be responding. **Action: The Secretary.**

12 Review of APCM minutes: It was noted that Elsa Williams proposed and Iain Gillespie seconded George Fenemore and that Wendy Burrows proposed and Olivia Fenion seconded Iain Gillespie for the Church Warden roles. In the apologies section some of the names were amended to read "Heather Nason, Pam Dodd, Amanda Gray and Ross Fenion." The Vicar asked if there any more amendments that The Secretary be notified direct. Concern was expressed about potentially damaging the war memorial if it is moved and it was clarified that the move would cost £15,000, with no money being provided by the Parish Council. If it is left in the churchyard the Parish Council might help with the cost of repairing it. The Vicar advised that not enough responses had been received to the questionnaire put out in preparation for producing a guide to Deddington Church concentrating on spiritual aspects. The Vicar said that he would prompt the congregation. **Action: The Vicar.**

13 Any Other Business:

13.1 David Rogers asked what was happening about the photovoltaic cells. The Vicar said that it had progressed no further. David Rogers said that he would get all the information from Glynnie Bianchi.

Action: David Rogers.

13.2 David Rogers asked what is happening about a potential 'phone mast and was advised that the Church is still on the list of those who are willing to be considered for installation of a mast sited at their location.

13.3 David Rogers said that he would like to investigate the installation of a radio mike receiver on the top of the Church to enable broadcasting to be made to the church, for instance from the Town Hall on Palm Sunday, or from the churchyard during the Act of Remembrance. David agreed to prepare a paper about a receiver for the next PCC meeting. **Action: David Rogers.**

13.4 Discussion took place about having a second camera for streaming in the Church. David Rogers said it would cost £400 and need an operative for that camera. It was agreed to discuss this at the next PCC meeting. It had been agreed at the last meeting to charge £180 for streaming a wedding, but it was agreed on this occasion that the Vicar be given permission to negotiate a lower charge for streaming at the immediately forthcoming wedding. **Action: The Secretary.**

13.5 Discussion took place about safeguarding issues and the community concert. It was agreed that the concert organisers need to contact parents to say that they would need to object to the streaming, otherwise it would take place. It was agreed that The Secretary would advise Jen Childs that these issues might arise with regard to the concert. **Action: The Secretary.**

13.6 George Fenemore advised that Walter Meagher's family have decided to proceed with the memorial bench in the churchyard. There was unanimous agreement that George Fenemore and Iain Gillespie be mandated to decide where it should be sited now and the family should be advised that the PCC reserved the right to remove the bench to another location should that be deemed appropriate in the future.

Action: George Fenemore and Iain Gillespie.

13.7 Kristin Thompson said she felt that givers to the church should receive a letter of thanks and was happy to draft a letter. It was agreed that givers, both from outside and those from within the congregation should be thanked. **Action: Kristin Thompson.**

13.8 It was announced that the Christian Aid week had raised £2131; £100 more than last year.

13.9 It was confirmed that John Osborough is now in charge of the notice boards in the Church. It was clarified that advertising church events takes priority, but non church events can be advertised on the new boards.

The meeting closed at 9.20 p.m. with the saying of the Grace.

Dates and venue of future PCC meetings: **Wednesday 20th July and Thursday 1st September** at 7.30 p.m., in the Living Room, St Peter and St Paul Church, Deddington.