

Minutes of a Meeting of All Saints' Chilton PCC
Held on Tuesday 3rd January 2017 at 7.30pm at All Saints' Chilton

Present:

Rev Dr Jonathan Mobey (Chair)	Mrs Sylvie Thompson
Mrs Naomi Gibson	Mrs Liz Morris
Mr Phil Corbishley (Acting secretary)	Rev Pam Rolls
Mr Steve Hale	Mrs Helen Brook
Mr Alex Reich	

1. Opening Prayer

Revd Dr Jonathan Mobey opened the meeting by reading Isaiah 11 v.1—9, beginning with 'A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit'. This passage shows a picture of harmony, the shalom of the Lord, which propagates from the shoot of Jesse. Jonathan commented that the branch is bearing fruit in Chilton and Harwell.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies have been received from Mrs Carol Pigott, Mrs Hazel King, Dr Carina Lobley, Mr Stuart Gibson and Mr John Pigott.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted unanimously, and duly signed.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

(i) Christmas Review

Naomi gave feedback from Christmas. As part of the festivities, there was considerable activity behind the scenes in preparation, including erecting a tree on top of the church. Numbers attending the carol services were lower this year than compared to previous years. There were the same readings that have been used for several years so it was felt this is something that could be addressed next year. Based on events, perhaps the Royal family should have been prayed for as part of the services. There were comments that some carols were new and those who do not come regularly may not know them. It is felt that those who come infrequently desire a very traditional format.

Carol singing around the village worked well and was good for inviting people to the Christmas services.

(ii) Children's Participation in Services

Helen reported there is a willingness with various families to provide help for family services. A possibility is a service once a month that is provided in addition to Pebbles.

(iii) "Fresh Expressions" Current Status

“Fresh Expressions” is in a developmental stage, with various formats, times and locations being experimented with. It has been found Friday afternoons do not work so well and a new approach, meeting monthly every second Sunday afternoon, is to be tried. This could be combined with the evening service and a meal shared together.

(iv) Missions Giving

There is £2000.00 to give

Action: Helen to email a list of where we give

(v) Bier

West House have kindly offered the use of a stable building to house the bier.

(vi) Churchyard Wall

The churchyard wall was discussed. The wall between West House and the church is in need of repair but ownership and hence responsibility of the wall is at present unclear. We are waiting to receive feedback from the owners of West House as to their position with respect to this matter.

5. Committee Reports

(i) Finance

(a) Finance report and revenue account

A draft of the Financial Statement for 2016 was circulated. For 2016 the total income has increased approximately 4% compared to 2015. It was mentioned that Chilton Church contributions for Generation Gold could come from the Evergreens fund. On page 9, ‘Harvest Supper’ should be renamed ‘Barn Dance’ for 2016.

Approval was given for the accounts to be sent for examination.

The PCC would like to thank Stuart for his efforts in assembling the accounts and providing them so punctually.

(b) Budget

A budget for 2017 has been prepared and circulated. As for last year a deficit budget has been proposed. Helen brought up the point that we agree to give 15% of the income for Missions but that we often fail to do this. The provision for churchyard maintenance and repairs has increased as there are two trees to remove. Steve asked for the wood from the trees to be left for the parish.

The Budget is approved by the PCC with the aim to review finances mid year.

Proposed Jonathan Moby, carried unanimously

(ii) Fabric Report

Andrew Hayes had circulated a comprehensive report on the Fabric situation. The quinquennial inspection feedback was positive, reporting that, 'the church is generally well looked after'. A faculty has been granted for a handrail, providing one year to complete the work. A mock-up rail has been fabricated and feedback taken on board.

The PCC would like to extend many thanks to Andrew for the large number of jobs completed. We are highly appreciative of the very detailed and dedicated work of the fabric committee.

6. Future dates

District Neighborhood Plan meeting on 10th January
APCM on 23rd April

7. Any Other Business

(i) Sound and Vision

A training session will be organised for sound and vision.

It has also been requested that on Sundays bell ringing stops at 9:20 to allow sufficient time for the sound and vision team.

(ii) Christmas day lunch

The Village Hall Management Committee had a query regarding decorations left up from Christmas day lunch. Sid and Alison Gale to be contacted about it.

Feedback from the lunch itself was very positive. It was enjoyed and greatly appreciated by the 30 or so people that attended.

The PCC would like to give a great thank you for the efforts of those who organized and ran the event.

(iii) Comfy chairs

A proposal was made to put the three comfy chairs together in the church.

Action: Church Wardens to brief those on the door about it

8. Closing Prayer

Prayer to close at 9:40 pm