Minutes of a Meeting of the Combined PCCs of St Matthew's Harwell and All Saints' Chilton

held on Tuesday 25th January 2011 at 7:45 pm in St Matthew's Church, Harwell

Present		
Harwell		
Kate Evans	Tony Hughes	Jane Woolley
Mel Gibson (Secretary)	Tim Roberts	Sid Gale
Georgina Greer	Roz Shipp	
Chilton		
Avril Butler	Carol Pigott	Andrew Hayes
Hazel King	Ruth Poole	John Pigott
	Alex Reich	Stuart Gibson

1. Prayer

Georgina Greer opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Gordon Gill, (attending Deanery Pastoral Committee), Vicky Macarthur, Allan Macarthur Scott Cockburn, Jonathan Wood, Liz Morris, Naomi Gibson (attending Deanery Pastoral Committee) and John Berry.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of the combined PCCs on Tuesday 23rd of November 2010 were signed by the Chair as a correct record after the name of Pam Rolls was changed to Rosemary Rolls on page 5.

4. Matters Arising from the Meeting

a) Chilton and Harwell Profile

The Profile has now been sent to the Archdeacon, Norman Russell for distribution to candidates for the position of Rector. The Profile is completed and should now be formally accepted by the PCC.

Resolution	That the PCC formally accepts the Chilton and Harwell Profile				
Moved	Kate Evans	Seconded	Georgina Greer	Passed	Unanimously

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b) Giving for Life: Georgina Greer reported that the Deanery Synod Meeting had discussed this item and that they had agreed with the article, but it was left to the Parishes to implement it.

5. Update on the Appointment of New Rector

Andrew Hayes reported on behalf of the Representatives that there is a meeting with the Patrons on the 10th February 2011 to discuss the short list and on the 3rd March to carry out interviews. The vacancy has been advertised on the Diocese Website but not in the Church Times yet. The venue for the interviews was still under discussion because three rooms were required and a waiting area. It had to be local to Harwell and Chilton and the Rectory had been considered but money would be required to make the Rectory seviceable again. There could be about one hundred applicants for the position.

Ruth Poole asked what would happen if there were only two candidates, would they both be interviewed for the position? The shortlist will be on suitability for the position, and if certain candidates have been given" the nod" it does not mean they will be interviewed. The Representatives agreed that they do not want to know who has been asked to apply by the Diocese.

6. Report from Leadership Ministry Team

In the absence of Naomi Gibson, Pam Rolls gave the report.

- 1/ Making Disciples: Bishop John is encouraging churches in the Diocese to focus on the "Making Disciples" strand of the Diocesan "Living Faith "vision during 2011. He urged us to try and do one thing towards this. A number of resources and conferences are being arranged by the Diocese to help with this.
- **2/** Gordon Gill gave an update on the Marriage Preparation Course which is being run on the 5th February for the couples being married in Harwell and Chilton this year. Three out of a possible four couples will be attending.
- 3/ The planner was reviewed, and the filling of some of the gaps in the dates was agreed.
- **4/** Gordon Gill and Vicky Macarthur were encouraged in their training for Authorised Lay Preachers. Following recommendations from their Diocese Mentor, it was suggested that they delay completing the first submission of their portfolio until October 2011, this due to the increased workload as a result of the interregnum.
- **5/ Wednesday Church Initiative :** This is a Deanery-wide church for people with learning disabilities which is being set up at St Peter's Church ,Didcot . The Deanery team are attending a Prospects Ministry Training Day in St Andrew's Oxford on 29th January 2011 (Gordon Gill is on the Prospects leadership team at the event). There is a follow-up planning meeting on 2nd February 2011 in St Peter's which Pam Rolls will attend.
- **6/** Naomi Gibson and Pam Rolls are developing a Confirmation Course for young people aged between 13 to 15 years from both Parishes. This will be held in the late Spring in Chilton.

7. Future Dates

5th February Marriage Preparation Course

20th March Bereavement Service

27th March Bishop John Preaching

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4th April AGM Chilton

5th April AGM Harwell

30th May Harwell Feast

8. Any other business

There were no other items of business raised.

9. Close

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

10. Next Meeting

The next individual meeting of Harwell PCC will be on Tuesday 8th March 2011 at 7.45pm in St Matthews Church, Harwell.

Signed	Chairman	Date	
Signed	Secretary	Date	