

St. John the Evangelist, Waterbeach Parochial Church Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in the Community Room at
Waterbeach Barracks
on Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7.30pm

Present: Katy Astley (KA), Michael Williamson - Treasurer (MW), Dorothy Druitt (DD), Ingrid Tregoeing (IT), Jane Williamson (JW), Richard Oakes (RO), Sarah Edwards (SE), Elizabeth Lowson (Ordinand), Paul Butler- Chair (PB), Jennie Brandon – Secretary (JB), Adrian Wright (AW), Linden Leeke (LL)

1. Opening prayers

The vicar gave out a copy of David Wilkinson's *When I pray, what does God do?* To be passed around the PCC until everyone had read it.

2. Apologies for absence

Stuart Morris, Ben Cons, Hannah Cons

3. Items of AOB for discussion at end of meeting.

None

4. Minutes of the PCC meeting held on Thursday 7th July 2016 (circulated previously)

4.1 Approval of minutes

DD mentioned that in 6.1 she was merely stressing that we should get professional advice rather than that new lighting needed to be expensive.

AW proposed the PCC approve the minutes with this amendment, JW seconded

4.2 Matters arising from minutes

Re 5.1 - PB hasn't yet researched a speaker.

PCC suggested the weekend should be fixed on the 3rd weekend in September (16th – 17th Sept 2017) and should be combined with the harvest lunch (**Action: JB**). PB should look at speakers available that weekend. (**Action**)

Re 5.2 MAP – PB needs to put Children's and Families minister into the plan as he is applying for funding for this. Appointing wouldn't happen until funding was in place but PB can't apply for funding without the post being in the MAP. KA said there needed to be a reference to affordability. PB suggested that the post was advertised as part-time initially. PCC agreed the post could go into MAP.

Action: PB will write about MAP in the Fold and will put the position in the MAP in order to apply for funding

5. Minister's Items

5.1 Mission Action Planning

PB will redo the plan and circulate as per 4.2 above (Action). Teaching (including additional to Sunday mornings) will be added and stressed as part of the life of the church and crucial for mission. PB proposes 3 sessions over 3 months with Homegroups together.

starting with big picture things, e.g. an introduction to the Old Testament in Jan – March. He will confirm the detail in Nov PCC

5.2 Harvest

The lunch is now organised. The Harvest market is also finalised. The harvest service will include thanksgiving for the new heating.

5.3 PCCs Away Afternoon, 9th October

Bishop Stephen will be preaching in both parishes beforehand.

5.4 Stewardship

KA had no comment

5.5 Diocese is running a conference called Blended on Fresh Expressions (8th

October at St Paul's Hills Road) including presentations from Rowan Williams. PB will be presenting for 10 minutes on Welcome, Hospitality, whisky tasting and 3rd Space.

5.6 Bishop John has asked us to consider taking an intern for a year.

The Diocese will provide a house. The intern would work in Mission/ Fresh Expressions from September 2017. PB will check if we need to provide expenses

5.7 Ordinands.

Adam Childs and Timothy Hupfield have moved on. Elizabeth Lowson will be leaving in 2 more weeks. We are hosting someone who is approaching BAP in February and has parish experience at Little St Mary's. She will be treated as an ordinand while here.

6. Building for Mission

6.1 Heating progress report

The heating is in and functioning. Someone beyond the churchwardens will need to learn how to programme it for funerals (**Action: BC / SM**). The electrical work is almost finished. Storage is a problem, post-build. There are old building records that need to be stored and several old pictures which will go to Willingham Auctions if no-one in the congregation wants them. We may need a Faculty for disposal of these. Church wardens will check for advice before they are sold (**Action: BC / SM**)

6.2 Potential Chapel of Remembrance/reflective space/possible memorial to 254 Bomber Command

Ange Brown has pulled out of the group. LL and Beryl Flack are meeting on the 21st September to discuss. The organ is to be moved which might give a little more space to work with.

7. Children and Families' Ministry (standing item)

7.1 Children and Families' Minister Post (PB)

Ely 2025 committee meet in October and PB has asked which date so he can prepare a draft proposal. He has collected the metrics (such as number of baptisms and number of visiting families). Jane Green, the school's Head teacher, will endorse the proposal, as will the All Stars nursery, Maple Court and Urban and Civic. This will show community support for the project.

7.2 Interim arrangements

PB will be providing support and direction during the interim to help keep the team of 8-9 together and is meeting with the children's and families team next Tuesday evening. HC and SE will lead First Footsteps and Holli Bielby will lead Funky Footsteps. IT suggested PB led Sunday School one week. SE said that more help would be needed than in previous years as Chris had done a huge amount.

8. Treasurer's Report

MW has sent in the reclaim form for the first tranche of VAT off the heating which means we can finish most of the project without taking any more from the Ecclesiastical charity. KA confirmed we would be asking regular donors to review their giving in the Harvest/Heating Thanksgiving service.

9. Churchwardens Items

KA suggested PCC gave the issue of what to do with the churchwardens staffs which were attached to the churchwardens' pews to the Fabric or standing committee

10. Correspondence

None received. PB publicized the hard copy of the Diocesan training brochure.

11. Any Other Business

None