

**Minutes of a Meeting of All Saints' Landbeach PCC
held in The Old School
on Thursday 17 November 2016 at 7.30 pm**

Present: The Revd Paul Butler (in the Chair), Mr John Buckley, Dr Ray Gambell (Minutes),
Dr Stephen Montgomery, Mrs Jane Oakes, Mr Nicholas Small (Treasurer),
Mr Robert Stripe.

1. Opening prayers

Paul led Evening Prayer in the Northumbrian Tradition.

2. Apologies for absence

Ms Anna McArthur sent her apologies and asked to stand down from the PCC, after some 20 years of service, in order to have more time looking after her Mother. Anna hopes to return in due course. The PCC sent her our best wishes and prayers.

3. Items of Any Other Business for discussion in item 12

Car park; Cupboard.

4. Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 15 September 2015

4.1 Approval of minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2016 were approved and signed.

4.2 Any Matters Arising

4.2.1 PCC Minutes on line

Ray has arranged the mechanism for putting the redacted approved Minutes on line with Jennie Brandon in the Church Office. The September Minutes will be the first available in this way.

4.2.2 Pastoral Care

Paul and Jane have visited parishioners in Landbeach.

5. Churchyard Maintenance

The Church Cleaning and Churchyard Maintenance Day held on Saturday 29 October achieved good results. The PCC thanked Barbara Le Gallez and Nicholas Small for organising the work carried out.

5.1 Grass Cutting

Ollie Howe of OJ Gardening Services has provided an estimate for next year's maintenance work for 12 sessions to be spread out over 2017, to be billed bi-monthly. The PCC was happy to accept these arrangements and costs.

5.2 Trees

Ray met Matt Menezes of Tates Tree Work on site to discuss how best to deal with the two cherry trees in the churchyard that have out-grown their available spaces. Matt recommended:

- for the large Cherry tree at the west end of the tower, to reduce by approx. 30%, lift crown and remove low limb obstructing road.
- Smaller Cherry tree on the north side of the church, to reduce the crown by approx. 30% and lift crown.
- Clear all arisings.

After discussion of the issues involved, Jane, seconded by John, proposed that the tree at the west end should be cut down altogether, Ray was asked to obtain a quote for this. The north side tree could be reduced as proposed.

The PCC agreed to ask Matt Menezes to apply for any necessary permission.

6. Church Security Measures

The PCC had asked Nicholas to find out any benefits we might gain from reduced insurance premiums should any security measures suggested by the Diocese be implemented. Nicholas said there were none, but added that in the absence of a working alarm the insurance would not cover the cost of replacing any lead stolen.

It was suggested that Urban & Civic, the developers of the Waterbeach new town, should be asked if they would contribute to the cost of a security system, and Paul will speak to the representatives shortly. In the meantime, Ray will obtain updates of the system proposed by E-Bound AVX Limited in 2013, and also contact Horningsea church for details of its security measures.

7. Deanery Synod

The Deanery Synod meeting scheduled for 10 November was postponed to the New Year.

8. Treasurer's Report

8.1 Balances

The statement prepared by Nicholas was reviewed by the PCC, which also examined the comparative figures for 2015 and 2016 to date.

8.2 Donation to Ely Bell Ringers

The Ely Diocesan Association of Church Bell Ringers has written appealing for support for its Bell Restoration Fund. On the proposal of Jane, seconded by Stephan, the PCC agreed to send a donation.

8.3 Charitable Giving

It was agreed to donate to the Church Pastoral Aid Society, Scripture Union, Waterbeach and Landbeach Action for Youth, Tear Fund and Emmaus as last year.

9. Fundraising / Outreach Events

9.1 Pudding Evening

The Pudding Evening held on 17 September was an enjoyable event, attended by 40 people who appreciated the food organised by Barbara Le Gallez, who also provided the quizzes. The PCC thanked Barbara for all her efforts.

9.2 Harvest

The united village service held in All Saints' on Sunday 25 September was followed by a ploughman's lunch. The PCC expressed its thanks especially to Barbara Le Gallez and John for arranging the latter, and to the flower arrangers for the decorations.

9.3 Music & Readings

The arrangements for an evening of readings, music and an art display on the theme of Autumn for Saturday 19 November are in hand.

9.4 Future Events

Jane suggested a Come & Sing event next year, which Jan Payne would organise.

Jane also proposed holding a Christmas Tree Festival, but this will now have to be in a year's time.

Barbara Le Gallez has suggested a concert by the Bedford Gallery Quire, who perform Georgian music in costume on period instruments. We need to know more details about their charges before going further.

10. Minister's Items

10.1 Christmas Services

Sunday 18 December	Morning Worship at 10am United Village Carol Service at 6.0pm <i>At the Baptist Church</i>
Christmas Eve	Christingle Service at 4.0pm
Christmas Day	Family Communion at 10.0am
New Year's Eve	Prayers at 11.45pm followed by Bell Ringing at Midnight
New Year's Day	Morning Worship at 10am

10.2 Mission Action Planning

The Revd Ruth Adams, Vicar of St George's Chesterton, led a session for the PCC on Thursday 27 October.

John provided some comments on the resulting initiatives that might follow. It was agreed that we should hold a follow-up meeting on Thursday 9 February at 7.30pm in the Black Bull, when the content of the *Ely 2025* proposals can be considered, and lead to our own parish *Development Plan*. John, Jane, Ray and Robert will hold a preliminary discussion on Thursday 1 December at 7.30 pm at John's.

10.3 PCCs Away Afternoon

Bishop Stephen led the PCCs Away Afternoon on Sunday 9 October in St John's Church Room after a bring and share meal.

10.4 Other

The Revd James Buxton, Dean of Chapel at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, will preach here on Sunday 12 February 2017.

The date of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting was discussed, and it was agreed that it will be held after the All Age Service on Sunday 2 April 2017, at approximately 11.30am.

11. Correspondence

None

12. Any Other Business

Car Park. Barbara Le Gallez has suggested that the church should have a car park, possibly in the grounds of the Old Rectory; or better in the churchyard by the south porch. The PCC considered that neither of these sites was practical.

Cupboard in North Porch. It has been suggested that additional storage space is needed in the north porch, and a cupboard might be fixed to the wall (which is an outside buttress) over the counter unit. Ray will contact the architect about this.

13. Date of next meeting

Thursday 19 January 2017.

The meeting closed with sharing the Grace at 9.30 pm.