

**Minutes of a Meeting of All Saints' Landbeach PCC
held in The Old School
on Thursday 19 January 2017 at 7.30 pm**

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

1. Opening prayers

Paul led Evening Prayer in the Northumbrian Tradition.

2. Apologies for absence

Dr Stephen Montgomery, Mr Robert Stripe.

3. Items of Any Other Business for discussion in item 10

None.

4. Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 17 November 2016

4.1 Approval of minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 November 2016 were approved and signed.

4.2 Any Matters Arising

4.2.1 Development Action Planning

Following the PCC session led by the Revd Ruth Adams in October 2016, John, Jane, Ray and Robert held a preliminary discussion in December. Their report was circulated for consideration by the full PCC to produce our own parish Development Plan in the context of the Ely 2025 proposals.

In pursuing this development, Jane is arranging to take more meetings in church with the Beach Babies group in the coming months, leading perhaps to 'Messy Church' events.

Paul is hoping to build on the 'Beer & Carols' evening in the Social Club with three more similar events during the year.

A further meeting with Ruth will be arranged when convenient.

The PCC approved these outreach initiatives, and noted that funds can be accessed from the Diocese to support them.

4.2.2 Cupboard in North Porch.

The Diocesan Office has advised that a cupboard in the north porch will not need Faculty consent under the list A legislation, and our architect is supportive of the proposal. A suitable unit will be found.

4.2.3 Church Security Measures

Ely Diocese is continuing to send out warnings of thefts from churches. E-Bound AVX Limited have confirmed that the security system they proposed in 2013 will cost only a little more than the original price quoted of £5,526.07, and indicated that Ecclesiastical Insurance are giving grants of £1,000 which would cover this modest increase.

It was agreed to empower Ray to advance this initiative, and to seek outside funding towards its cost.

4.2.4 Pastoral Care

Paul is continuing to visit three parishioners.

4.2.5 Churchyard Trees

Ray had discussions with Matt Menezes of Tates Tree Work and Sue Dickinson from the Diocesan Office on our proposals concerning two large cherry trees in the churchyard. We suggested reducing the large Cherry tree at the west end of the tower, lifting the crown and removing the low limb obstructing the road; or cutting it down altogether. For the smaller Cherry tree on the north side of the church we thought to reduce and lift the crown.

A Faculty would be needed to cut down a healthy tree, but reduction work can be authorised by the Archdeacons following input from the Diocesan Tree Advisor under the list B Faculty legislation. The Diocesan Tree Advisor, the Revd Canon Nigel Cooper, does not think the north side tree needs reduction. Our formal application to follow the proposal of the Diocesan Tree Advisor for the tree at the west end has been approved by Ely, and Matt Menezes has applied for approval from the District Council.

5. Deanery Synod

The next Deanery Synod meeting will be held in All Saints' on Wednesday 22 February.

6. Treasurer's Report

6.1 Balances

The statement prepared by Nicholas was reviewed. The PCC also took note of the draft annual figures for 2016, which will be examined and prepared for the APCM.

6.2 Fees 2017

The PCC agreed the following scale of charges for 2017 including the statutory fees:

FUNERAL		WEDDING	
Service in Church	£182	Service in Church	£424
Burial following	£291	Banns	£28
Organist	£50	Organist (double if video)	£50
Verger & Heating	£45	Verger & Heating	£45
		Bells	£75
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TOTAL	£568		£622

7. Fundraising / Outreach Events

7.1 Music & Readings

The evening of readings, music and an art display on the theme of Autumn on Saturday 19 November was enjoyed by all and raised £136.

7.2 Future Events

A **Come & Sing** Fauré's Requiem is being arranged for 18 March, led by Jan Payne. Jane is organising the ticketing, music hire, refreshments and advertising.

Summer Fete –As there is no summer event planned by the village Events Committee this year, Ray suggested that a church summer garden party could be mounted. He will investigate possible dates and activities.

8. Minister's Items

8.1 Christmas Services

The Crib service held in the first week of December and the Christingle Service on Christmas Eve were both well attended. There was no Midnight Communion in All Saints' and the Christmas Morning Communion Service had only 15 attending. Based on numbers and availability of priests, a Midnight Communion but no Christmas Day service would seem better next Christmas

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Any Other Business

None.

11. Date of next meeting

Thursday 16 March 2017.

The meeting closed with sharing the Grace at 9.10 pm.