

**Minutes of a Meeting of All Saints' Landbeach PCC
held in The Old School
on Thursday 19 July 2018 at 7.30 pm**

Present: The Revd Paul Butler (in the Chair), Revd Chris Barter, Mr John Buckley, Dr Ray Gambell (Minutes), Mrs Jane Oakes, Mr Robert Stripe, Mr Nicholas Small (Treasurer), Mr Josh Harris (Ridley ordinand on placement).

1. Opening prayers

Paul led open prayers.

2. Apologies for absence

None

3. Appointment of Secretary, Treasurer, and Deputy Chairman.

On the proposal of Jane, seconded by Robert, Ray Gambell was appointed as Secretary, Nicholas Small as Treasurer, and John Buckley as Deputy Chairman.

4. Items of Any Other Business for discussion in item 14

None.

5. Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 17 May 2018

5.1 Approval of minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2018 were approved and signed.

5.1 Any Matters Arising

5.1.1 Safeguarding Training

Nicholas will attend the C2 course at Histon next week; Jane is arranging to take the C2 unit; and Ray is booked for the C3 course at Ely on 18 September. Richard Oakes will arrange the DBS for John, and check the status of Robert's DBS.

6. Water Butt

Barbara le Gallez has pointed out that the water butt has dried up during the prolonged period since June without rain. Some people are apparently unwilling to go into the church to get water for flowers on graves they tended. She asks if an outside tap could be installed. The PCC recalled that the water butt had been provided to allow the earlier outside tap to be removed, and other people were using the inside tap. It was agreed to take no action, but to encourage people to go into the church to get water.

7. Wi-Fi in Church

Jane has suggested that it would be very useful for her initiatives with Messy Church and the proposed Breakfast and Lunch initiatives, to have wi-fi in church. BT can supply a Mobile Broadband Hub on a 24-month term with the router delivered free. The device is fully portable and can show where the strongest signal is and could be positioned beside a window. There is a 14-day cooling off period, so if there was any issue with reception, the device could be returned.

The PCC agreed to wait until there is fuller use of such a facility in services and when the community space has been developed.

8. Bell Ringing

The bell ringers would like to do one or two short periods of special ringing during the weekend marking the 100th centenary of WWI. This is in line with national and regional initiatives. The ringing would be similar to normal service ringing, and would be at times to fit in with any special services or village events. The PCC agreed.

9. Quinquennial Works & Servery

9.1 Faculty

The Diocesan Registrar on behalf of the Chancellor has granted the Faculty to carry out the external and internal repairs to walls at the west end of the north aisle of the church; the installation of an island-style kitchen Servery unit at the west end of the north aisle; and the removal of five of the free standing pews to the west of both porches.

Three Conditions are attached :

1. After removal of cementitious render the wall is given one year to allow the fabric to dry out; this period may be shortened by agreement with the DAC.
2. The taps in the new servery are to be constructed so that they can fold down and thus not be visible from the entrance.
3. All reasonable steps should be taken to find new homes for any pews that are in good enough condition to be reused.

Iain Frearson, our architect, will discuss condition 1 with the DAC, as it may add extra expense for removing and then re-erecting scaffolding after the drying-out period.

The suggestion was made that the cupboard / storage unit between the pillars could be put on castors or wheels so that it can be moved to create extra space in the community area. Also, a single large sink, rather than the two smaller ones in the agreed design might be more useful. Ray will consult with the architect on these ideas.

9.2 Fund Raising

Sarah Odell, of Spires Heritage, visited the church on 19 June. Ray outlined the proposed scheme to her, and members of the PCC added comments. She asked for all relevant documentation, which was forwarded electronically, and also an updated condition report. Iain Frearson kindly carried out a further survey on 21 June, and his report was also sent to Sarah.

We await her formal acceptance and terms for acting on our behalf.

9. Deanery Synod

A meeting was held in Waterbeach on 16 July. The main items were a report on the meeting of General Synod; and the Parish Giving Scheme, which Cottenham, Impington and Waterbeach have joined.

The next meeting is on 8 November.

10. Treasurer's Report

10.1 Balances

Nicholas had forwarded his finance report, which showed the balances in the current account and deposit accounts. He also supplied a helpful set of comparisons with our budget for this year and last year's figures.

It was agreed that Nicholas would look into the Parish Giving Scheme, with a view to our joining.

11. Fundraising / Outreach Events

A very successful Garden Party and Gift Day was held on Saturday 14 July, with refreshments, sales of cakes, books and bric-a-brac. Steven Levett provided piano music; there was bell ringing, a swift display stall, and garden games.

Paul is arranging a further gig in the Social Club on 4 October.

Pudding Evening – 20 October; arrangements to be made.

The Choir Director of Corpus Christi College has agreed to look at the choir giving a concert in Lent next year.

Jane presented her Mission Project Fund Report, covering the activities as part of our Development Action Plan. This was agreed, with minor amendment.

12. Minister's Items

None.

13. Correspondence

Publicity for the CHCT Ride, Drive & Stride on Saturday 8 September has been received. This is the Heritage Open weekend, and Ray will see if the church can take advantage, perhaps in co-operation with the Tithe Barn Trust.

14. Any Other Business

Dick Newell is suggesting fixing small cameras in the swift nest boxes in the tower, where eight / nine boxes have been occupied this year. The bell ringers would also like to have cameras that show the bells in operation. Ray suggested that we could add a camera for church security covering the Priest's Door as part of the whole system under consideration.

15. Date of next meeting

Thursday 20 September 2018.

The meeting closed with sharing the Grace at 8.47 pm.