

**Minutes of a Meeting of All Saints' Landbeach PCC
held in The Old School
on Thursday 17 January 2019 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).

1. Opening prayers

Paul led open prayers.

2. Apologies for absence

None.

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

None.

4. Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 20 September 2018

4.1 Approval of minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2018 were approved and signed.

4.2 Any Matters Arising

4.2.1 Security

John has applied anti-climb paint on the drainpipes around the church.

It was agreed that the three wheelie bins should be chained together with a combination padlock. Ray will confer with Barbara Le Gallez about the arrangement.

5. Quinquennial Works & Served

The Amey Community Fund panel have recommended our Expression of Interest and now invite us to submit a full application and all supporting documentation by 18th February 2019. Paul will forward this to Sarah Odell and ask her about the status of our other applications, including the Wren FCC Community Fund and the National Churches Trust.

6. Churchyard Maintenance

The Parish Council has allocated funds in its precept towards the cost of maintaining the churchyard for the coming year, and has asked that we obtain three quotes for the work. Ray has contacted Dan Isenthal (Aspley Garden Services), who carried out the work last year, Brookfield (who cut the recreation ground and verges for the Parish Council), and Joe McWilliams Gardening Services, for quotes.

A lengthy discussion on keeping the costs as low as possible ensued, including encouraging volunteer labour.

Ray will seek advice from the Parish Council on the contractor to be engaged.

7. Deanery Synod

The next meeting is on 20 February.

8. Treasurer's Report

8.1 Balances

Nicholas presented his finance report, showing the balances in the current account and deposit accounts.

8.2 Budget for 2019

The PCC reviewed the draft Annual Accounts for 2018 and the draft Budget for 2019 prepared by Nicholas. Income and expenditure are expected to be similar for the coming year, noting that there was a shortfall of income over expenditure of some £1,000 in 2018. The PCC accepted the draft Accounts for Independent Examination and submission to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

Ray proposed to draft a note inviting parishioners to join the new church Electoral Roll that will be made this year, setting out the routine running costs of the church and inviting active participation and financial support to All Saints'.

Nicholas reported that two people have made their first payments through the Parish Giving Scheme, and more are expected next month.

9. Fundraising / Outreach Events

Suggestions to be followed up included the Corpus Christi Choir and a Social Club event (Paul); a Come and Sing (Jane); Summer Garden Party 13 July; a Pet Service; Heritage Weekend 22 July.

It was emphasised that all activities must be well advertised, including using social media.

10. Minister's Items

10.1 Services

After reviewing the Christmas Services last year, it was agreed that a Christmas Morning service would be better suited to our congregation than the Midnight Christmas Eve Communion.

Paul noted that there would be a United Beach Churches service in St John's on 27 January for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, with no service in All Saints' that day.

Paul and Jane spoke of the value of having audiovisual equipment available to enhance services and other events, and the PCC agreed to keep this in mind.

11. Correspondence

- 1) John introduced a discussion on the REACH Ely (Reimagining Churches as Community Assets for the Common Good), a three-year project building on the Ely 2025 project, to help communities make fuller use of their historic churches. The Cambridge Judge Business School is researching how churches currently relate to the "97%" of people in their local communities who have little or no relationship with the church, and looking for case studies.

By the end of the project, every parish and deanery in the Diocese will be able to understand the actual opportunities open to them in the context of their own communities, so that they can give their parishioners a church that meets their needs, a church they will support and a church in which they can participate.

The PCC agreed that this would follow well from our own Mission Action Plan work, and agreed that John should make the necessary contact.

- 2) The Landbeach Society has asked to hold its Summer Lunch event at the church on Saturday 22 June. Last year the lunch was moved here at short notice, and the venue was so well liked that the Society would like to repeat it this year. This was agreed.

12. Any Other Business

None.

The meeting closed with the sharing of the Grace at 9.27 pm.