

Minutes of St Sampson's P.C.C. Meeting, 17th November 2014, at 8:00pm

Present. Rev. P Bradley, K. Bell. N. Dye, T. Garstone, V. Gilks, A. Grace, A. Ramage, R. Saunders, M. Smith, S. Smith, J. Valpy.

Apologies. S. Danby, P.Fray.

The chairman, Rev P. Bradley welcomed everyone to the November meeting and began with a Bible reading and prayers.

The minutes of the September meeting were amended. No. 11, please delete "S. Danby is to be ex-officio at Ashton Keynes".

The minutes were then approved and signed.

1. Arising

Screen and projector. These have been ordered at a cost of £2,964.

Cherubs. The cost of repairing the cherubs is £1,069 + £300 if we wish all four to be cleaned. The insurance company will only pay for the cleaning of the pair that are being repaired. We will also have to pay excess on the policy of £250. The cost of collection and delivery is £350, but this can be saved if we do this ourselves. It was proposed by A. Grace and seconded by R. Saunders that we go ahead with the repairs and cleaning. 10 in favour, 1 abstention. Passed.

Clock. The clock is now in the museum.

2. Chairman's report

The Rev. Bradley would like to hold weekly informal worship at 4 p.m. unless there is "messy church". The focus would be on families.

A more traditional service would be held at 10a.m. which hopefully would encourage those who have stopped coming to attend.

These ideas will be trialled from January until Easter, then the situation will be reviewed.

This was proposed by Rev. Bradley, seconded by A. Grace. All in favour.

3. Team reports.

Rev. Bradley and M. Smith will meet to discuss teams.

4. Finance

£30,000 has been paid to the Diocese This leaves a balance in the main account of £14,094.31.

Fabric fund £25,687 less £2,964 for the screen and projector.

Tear fund. £611.76

Quiz night raised £968.45. A. Grace would like to use some of the quiz money to purchase a cupboard for the choir vestry to store crockery etc. A. Grace, P. Fray and T. Garstone are to look into this.

A. Grace suggested that money that we were given by a charity for the porch should be given back. This is in the fabric fund at the moment.

New leaflets are to be printed about the church and its running costs.

R. Crow to be asked to write a book about the history of the church.

It was proposed by Rev. Bradley that our Parish share for 2015 is £38,000. This was seconded by N. Dye 10 for, 1 against. Passed.

It is hoped that the money in the choir organ fund will be able to be "gift aided".

5. Group Council report.

No report since last meeting.

6. Deanery Synod report.

Rev. Bradley attended this meeting, where the Parish Share was discussed.

7. Choir report.

The choir had held a very successful "40's" evening and had raised in excess of £1,000 for the organ fund. T. Garstone and R. Saunders have been presented with their certificates and ribbons for passing the "Red" Voice for Life exams. They are preparing for the silver (Bishop's) award in January. The photography exhibition and afternoon tea raised £200. Claire Roberts is to conduct the Christmas carol concert.

8. S Club.

This is going well, but in order to have more groups they need to find more leaders.

9. Leadership.

S. Danby and the Rev. Bradley are going to meet weekly to share information. They are to oversee two churches each. S. Danby will concentrate on Ashton Keynes and Leigh, and the Rev. Bradley will concentrate on Cricklade and Latton. There is no need for them both to attend everything.

10. Appointment of P.C.C. secretary.

The new secretary is to be J. Valpy. The Rev. Bradley thanked T. Garstone for all her work during the past year. Due to her new position J. Valpy will no longer be on the Upper Thames group council

11. Safeguarding and Lettings.

A. Grace has been looking at the charges for the hire of the church.

Charitable activities £50 + £50 for heating.

Amateur activities £50 + £50 for heating.

Commercial activities £100 + £50 for heating

There is a charge for the use of the organ.

Schools are not to be charged.

It was proposed by N. Dye and seconded by K. Bell that hirers are charged for heating. All in favour.

12. Foundation Governor.

This vacancy has been filled by N. Dye. This was proposed by the Rev. Bradley and seconded by S. Smith. All in favour.

13. Electrical inspection and choir lighting. On going

The gutters have been cleaned out.

The "Martin Travis" window needs some attention. P. Fray to see to this.

14. Jenner Hall report.

V. Gilks had circulated the Jenner Hall report prior to the meeting.

The "Time capsule" is to be sealed on November 23rd. and not Nov. 9th as previously reported.

Bank balance is £15,053.

The main heating refurbishment has been completed.

The next meeting is on Jan. 14th.

15 Choir and vicar's vestry.

There is to be a clean up of both vestry's on Saturday 13th. December at 9.30 a.m. until 11.30 a.m.

16. Safeguarding audit.

Rev. Bradley and A. Grace are dealing with this.

The date of the next meeting is THURSDAY 22nd January 2015 at 8 p.m.
Points for the agenda by 15th. January to J. Valpy.

The meeting ended with prayers at 9.40 pm.

Prepared by T. Garstone, Sec. to P.C.C.