

The Hospital of St Cross with the Parish of St Faith – Winchester

Parochial Church Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 14th January 2009 in the Brothers Library

Present: Murray Dixon, The Chaplain, Graham Webster, Colin Showell, Brian Lusted, Anne Dolan, Jill Baker, Evelyn Pringle, Cheryl Irons, Michele Brannigan, Alison Carver, Tony Carver, John Fairbrother, Trish Spiers (for Festival Weekend only), Revd Michael Harley, Debbie Harley.

Apologies: Clive McCleester

Additions/ Changes to Agenda

It was agreed to discuss Mr Burbridge's visit to the PCC under Correspondence.

Introductions

The chairman formally welcomed the Revd Michael and Debbie Harley to the meeting.

Minutes of last meeting

The Minutes of the PCC held on 12 November were approved.

Matters arising

- Monthly Giving Charities – 2009. A list to be circulated with the Minutes. *(on back Page 3)*
- **Graveyard – Grass Cutting.** The PCC noted with thanks that John Pringle had agreed to recruit/ coordinate volunteers to mow the grass.
- **Disabled parking on cobbles.** John had agreed with Piers to designate the spur by the West Door for disabled parking. There would be notices in the outer courtyard and by the spur as well as something in the magazine.

Rewiring and Lighting Project Fund-raising

- **Festival weekend in June 2009.** Trish outlined key features:
 - ❖ Thursday 4 June. Ticketed preview evening, Brothers invited as guests.
 - ❖ Friday 5 June. Open during day. Evening concert of poetry, music and reading.
 - ❖ Saturday 6 June. Open during day. To include a family activities. Black Tie Dinner in Brethren's Hall in evening.
 - ❖ Sunday. Open 1:30-4pm. 4pm cream tea followed by Songs of Praise event at 5.30pm.
 - ❖ Drinks, refreshments etc. from Hundred Men's Hall - Ploughman's Lunch available to be booked in advance.

- Specific actions:
 - ❖ Michele will discuss with Mr Burbridge/ Trish possible scope of School involvement. **Michele**
 - ❖ Michele/ Murray to speak on scope/ timings for family activities. To include BBQ. **Michele/ Murray**
- At this point Trish left the meeting.
- **Other Events.** All were encouraged to support/advertise the Ghastly Goings On tours on 30 January and 13 February. Jill Baker agreed to lead on "Tackle a Tenner" in the Autumn.
- **Appeal.** Murray reminded the meeting of the PCC's commitment to the Rewiring and Lighting Project: £25k on contract let and then £25k over the following 5 years. (see Minutes of November 2006 PCC). He noted that following PCC instigated discussions with the Trustees on a joint appeal for the Rewiring Project, the Trustees had realised they needed to raise considerably more than originally envisaged and were investigating use of a professional fund raiser. This, and the discrepancy between the amounts (circa £1.5M on the part of the Trustees and £50k on the part of the Parish) make a joint appeal impractical. Following discussion on: the disparity in size of the appeals (was a Parish contribution to the Rewiring project necessary?); changing circumstances e.g. the Trustees had decided to move forward with the mobile phone mast; and the fact that the Parish continued to operate at a loss, it was agreed to continue with a Parish appeal to meet our commitment. (Murray proposed, John seconded, 11 for, one against and one abstention). Murray, John, Michele, Alison/Tony and Anne agreed to form a small group to review/ develop current appeal plans. **Murray**

Rewiring and Lighting Project Update

John noted the Trustees had now given permission to the architect to let the contract.

Finance - Parish Share

- Colin distributed papers explaining the current system. He also explained the new system was now expected in 2010. He stressed that the size of Electoral Roll was not a significant factor in either the current or future systems. Michael Harley mentioned that 2 Deaneries, Odiham and Eastleigh, would be piloting the new arrangements.
- Colin warned that the 2008 accounts, to be presented to the PCC on 16 March, would show a significant drop in the value of investments (down by circa 1/3 in October).
- He warned that payment for Parish activities would be on the February PCC Agenda.

Interregnum update and Installation

- John noted:
 - ❖ 1st February. John, David, Graham and Murray to meet with Alan Gordon (Rural Dean) to discuss licensing service.
 - ❖ 23rd April. Licensing service at 7.30pm.
 - ❖ Sue Fairbrother had offered to organise post service drinks and canapés. 200 – 300 expected.

- It was agreed:
 - ❖ To hold the post service reception in the Brethren's Hall/ surrounding area and accept Sue's offer.
 - ❖ John to put article in magazine asking for contributions and volunteers to help.
 - ❖ John to let flower arrangers know of any space constraints in church.
- The PCC thanked John and Sue for taking the lead.

APCM

- It was agreed that the APCM would be held in St Cross church on 26 April after the 9:30 service. There would be no 11:00 service. Michael Harley will chair.
- All were encouraged to meet Tim's deadline (22 February) for contributions to the annual report. This would enable agreement of the report and accounts at the PCC on 11 March and publication in good time for the meeting.

Moving Forward Together Workshop

Murray reported that he had received a report from Steve Pittis on the Workshop (held on 8 November) and he, Cheryl and John had circulated a short document summarising possible actions. Much would need to await the arrival of Michael Harley, but it should be possible to progress development of a Welcome Pack. Murray agreed to ask Clive McCleester if he would be happy to do this/ be 'editor in chief'. Jill volunteered Bishop John. Michael Harley agreed to forward material from Chandlers Ford.

Murray/ Clive

Correspondence:

- **Mobile phone mast, continued.** Murray confirmed all members of the PCC had seen the Trustees note dated 17 December 2008.
- **CRB Checking.** John highlighted the need to appoint a new CRB officer. Michael Harley noted that from October, the role will be known as ISA (Independent Safeguarding Authority). He stressed that the ISA would cover children and vulnerable adults and noted that the PCC is ultimately responsible for the actions of its ISA officer.
- **Invitation to Mr Burbridge to attend next PCC.** Murray noted Mr Burbridge had agreed to attend the February PCC, and that in a letter Mr Burbridge had explained the funding he was seeking from the Parish would be used to assist with musical instrument training.

AOB

Tim to ask John Casson for an update on new names for the Electoral Roll; for consideration at the February PCC. **Tim**

Dates for next meetings: (on the second Wednesday in the month at 7.45pm, Brothers Library)

Wednesday, February 11 2009
 Wednesday, March 11 2009.

RETIRING COLLECTIONS – 2009

January	Winchester Churches Nightshelter
February	Carroll Youth Centre
March	Trinity Centre
April	EMMAUS
May	The Potters Village
June	MacMillan Cancer Care
July	Mission for Seafarers
August	Wateraid
September	Air Ambulance
October	Sightsavers International
November	Winchester Churches Christmas Project
December	Winchester Basics Bank