

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

Parochial Church Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 12 November 2008  
in the Brothers Library

Present: Murray Dixon (Chairman), The Chaplain, Jill Baker, Alison Carver, Tony Carver, Anne Dolan, John Fairbrother, Cheryl Irons Clive McCleester, Brian Lusted, Colin Showell (Hon Treasurer), Gavin Smart, Graham Webster, James Hart & Evelyn Pringle

Apologies: David Ronaldson, Cathy Secker, Tim Stevens (Hon Secretary), Michelle Brannigan

Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 8 October 2008, were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

Matters arising:

Monthly retiring collections – 2009. PCC members indicated their preferences from a circulated list.  
Alison to produce list of chosen charities Alison

Mowing the Churchyard grass. John Pringle has volunteered to co-ordinate lawn moving.  
Murray to advertise in parish magazine for more volunteers. Murray

Additions to Agenda

Parking for services. Concerns received from people re: parking especially those with disabilities / mobility access problems.

Church Wardens to approach Piers asking whether those with disabled badges may park on the cobbles. John

Fund-raising

Festival weekend in June 2009. Trish to be invited to January Meeting. Murray

The following events with 'leads' were noted:

Cathy's "Ghost Evening"	19 & 20 November 2008, Cathy Secker
Quiz Night	Feb/ Mar 2009, Laura Evans
A "Mile to the Aisle"	Apr/ May, Alison Carver
Flower Festival	4-7 June, Trish Spiers
Fête	27 June
Historic Churches Cycle Ride,	September, John Fairbrother

Other suggestions:

Silent auction, St George's Night Dinner (John Davis?) + Choir, "Further a Fiver" - Investing Parish Funds competition.

Need to identify co-ordinators for these by January All

## Finance

Telephone access for bank account. Not permissible on accounts requiring two signatures. Colin will work around as best able.

Charities Commission. Turnover now exceeds £100k per annum so we must register with Charities Commission.

PCC members to fill in forms to register as trustees. Forms to be returned to Colin direct or via Cathy Secker at the Porter's Lodge. All  
Colin

Relationships with St Faith's School. Mr Burbridge to be invited to January or February meeting to talk about the work of the school and how PCC/ Parish can help. Murray

Proposed Cheryl, seconded Tony - passed

Forecast Income and Expenditure for 2009. Paper from Colin forecast a surplus for current year of around £5,000. This due to mainly to the gas refund. (Parish Hall not consolidated into figures discussed). Longer term we are running at £5-6,000 deficit every year including 2009 financial year.

Fund raising donations are increasing, but Parish Share formula changes operate to our disadvantage - increasing at around 5% per year. Remaining assets are at around £100k.

The figures mentioned above includes income collected for specific Appeals i.e. £500 Thanks in 2007 and Rewiring in 2009. Without these specific donations, the underlying deficit would be more like £8000 per year.

Colin and Murray to explore detail of Parish Share. Colin & Murray

## Rewiring Scheme Update

No update since last meeting.

## Interregnum update

On Sunday, John will announce the name of the new incumbent. Appointment will be post-Easter.

Proposal to invite new incumbent to future meetings  
Proposed John, Seconded James - passed

## Deanery Synod

Reports from Ann and Murray of last two meetings respectively.

1st Meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> Winchester Deanery Synod held at All Saints, Hursley - Synod agreed Deanery subscription to increase from £18 to £25 a month per member.

2nd Meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> Winchester Deanery Synod St Bartholomew's, Hyde - Gordon Randall, Diocese Stewardship lead, gave presentation on idea of Stewardship Promoter to take burden from Treasurer and

Planned Giving Officer.

Gordon Randall volunteered to come to speak to a St Cross PCC meeting. PCC to discuss with new incumbent.

All

#### Moving Forward Together

Steve Pittis will provide a summary of key points. Murray to top and tail to bring out actions and circulate to PCC.

**Murray**

Sub-group of PCC - Murray, Cheryl and Church Wardens - to prioritise key actions before January PCC meeting

James agreed to progress a specific proposal to generate a Parish Directory.

James

#### Correspondence

Mast proposal. After discussion, in which Evelyn explained issues from Trustees perspective, it was agreed Murray should write to the Trustees suggesting a meeting between the Trustees and those who are proposing alternative ways to find needed funds. Ideally such a meeting would have a neutral chair. Emails received by the PCC would be forwarded to the Hospital Administrator.

#### Calendar

Fellowship St Faith's Hall, 7.30pm, Thu 13 Nov  
St Faith's Hall Fair, 10.30am to 12.30pm, Sat 29 Nov  
Advent Sunday 30 Nov  
J John Carol Service, 7.30pm to 9.00pm, 3 Dec at the Cathedral.

#### Dates for next meetings:

(on the second Wednesday in the month at 7.45pm, Brothers Library)

Wednesday January 14 2009  
Wednesday February 11 2009  
Wednesday March 11 2009