

Parochial Church Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 8 October 2008
in the Brothers Library

Present: Murray Dixon (Chairman), The Chaplain, Jill Baker, Michelle Brannigan, Alison Carver, Tony Carver, Anne Dolan, John Fairbrother, James Hart, Cheryl Irons, Brian Lusted, Colin Showell (Hon Treasurer), Gavin Smart, Tim Stevens (Hon Secretary) & Graham Webster

Apologies: Clive McCleester, Evelyn Pringle, David Ronaldson & Cathy Secker

Minutes of last meeting

Minutes of the meeting on 10 September 2008, were agreed and signed as an accurate record.

Matters arising

Murray confirmed Cathy's commitment to brief Sidesmen on emergency procedures. John and Graham were asked to agree arrangements with her.

Cathy, John & Graham

A quote for mowing the Churchyard grass was noted and a volunteer will be sought, including through the Parish Magazine.

Murray

Attention was drawn to the service to launch 'Just 10' in Winchester.

Additions to Agenda

Ideas for charities for monthly retiring collections are to be sent to Alison, who will present options from which the PCC will choose in November.

All

Murray recorded the PCC's thanks for the efforts of Alison and her helpers in preparing the children for their part in the Harvest Festival.

Finance

A Resolution to allow Hon Treasurer to have telephone access to PCC Bank Accounts, proposed by Murray, seconded by Alison, was passed by all present.

Colin

A second Resolution to add Graham to the list of Bank signatories, proposed by Brian and seconded by Cheryl, was also passed.

Colin

Colin alerted all members to the need for them as well as for the Treasurer and Secretary, to register with the Charities Commission. Colin to provide a full briefing at the November meeting.

Colin et al

Graham asked about the spread of PCC invested funds. Colin explained that they are managed by the Diocesan Board of Finance.

Fund Raising

Members of the Think Tank reported the agreement of representatives of The Hospital to the PCC's readiness to develop a joint fund-raising appeal for the Re-wiring Project. They were also content for the Hospital premises to be used for events. As part of the appeal, Murray noted the intention to continue Parish fund-raising events. The plan needs finessing but Murray outlined initial thoughts as including:

Fund Raising, contd.

Events every two months spread over up to 18 months
Cathy's "Ghost Evening" 19 & 20 November 2008
A Quiz Night Early Spring 2009
A "Mile to the Aisle" event in Spring/Summer
Flower Festival 4-7 June
Fête 27 June

Further ideas are sought and an Action Plan must be devised by
the November PCC meeting. **All**

The PCC confirmed its excitement at the **fund-raising weekend** planned by
Trish Spiers and Doreen Jenkins. Trish is to be invited to the November meeting
to identify any contribution the PCC can make. **Murray, Think Tank**

Rewiring Scheme Update

The Hospital is still assessing costs and defining the scope. The work is likely to
continue for up to three months. The Parish will be involved before decisions are
made.

Interregnum John advised that a meeting with the Bishops appeared to have removed the
blockages to progress identified at their last meeting.

Mission Audit/Moving Forward Together on 8 November

Murray would encourage attendance at Church on 12 October. **Murray**
He said that the School is available for the day and he asked members for help
with setting up, providing Coffee and tea and caring for children **All**
Those attending will be invited to a "Bring and Share" lunch.

Fête The urgent need to seek out a Secretary and Treasurer was emphasised.

St Faith's School The PCC formally approved the Nomination of Amanda Hart as a Foundation
Governor. **Murray**

Correspondence

Members noted Ron Stacey's decision to withdraw from the PCC and asked the
Secretary to send their thanks to him for his valuable contribution. **Tim**

The Hospital Trustees had sought the PCC's opinion on the proposal to site a
mobile phone mast on the St Cross Church tower. Members aired their own
opinions and reported on representations made to them. The PCC concluded
that it could not support the proposal.
(Post meeting note: A copy of the Chairman's letter to the Trustees is attached to
these Minutes)
All who had written to the PCC on this subject would receive a written reply. **Tim**

Calendar "Moving Forward Together" at St Faith's School on 8 November

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

Wednesday November 12 2008
Wednesday January 14 2009
Wednesday February 11 2009
Wednesday March 11 2009