



**Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting - Monday July 9th 2018
at Rothley Church of England Primary School Academy – 19:30 p.m.**

Present:

Revd. Rob Gladstone, (chair) Revd. Josh Bailey, Clive Jackson, Jonty Pilbeam, Angela Neill, Mike Ferguson, David Wilson, Sue Wilson, Wendy Ferguson, Cath Jagger, David Salt, Susan Pinkus (Secretary).

1. Opening Prayers/Reading

Rob referred to 'The Art of Rest' by Adam Mabry, subtitled 'Faith to Hit Pause in a World That Never Stops', something all of us can benefit from in our daily lives. He then directed us to Matthew 11 v 28/29.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

Apologies: Linda Poole, Ros Taylor, Alison Godfrey, Kate Cooper

Approval of minutes from May 14th: Agreed

Matters Arising: None

3. Overview of how the new PCC structure has been received by the church

Jean Johnson, new Assistant Warden, had contacted Angela on the basis of this. Bishop's Big Conversation Mission - four e-mails from people suggesting that they have ideas.

The Wardens will be setting up the space for the lead personnel in each group to display notices/information.

NB Not all groups will move at the same speed.

<p>ACTION: RG to update and enlarge the leaflet for display on the noticeboard. Perhaps improve on design by adding photographs of lead personnel with contact details.</p>
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4. Working Groups:

A) Reordering / building improvement (Jonty Pilbeam) - great to have Ken Arkley on board.

Summary

- Reordering/church building improvement
- Project to be renamed Church Building Improvements.
- At their next meeting the working group will discuss how to relaunch the project with the congregation with a view to finding out from them whether there is sufficient support to

proceed with the toilets and servery. The alterations to the north door were not considered a priority at this time.

- Group to also discuss how fundraising pledges might be sought once congregational support has been indicated.
- Audio visual provision to be investigated as a separate project.

ACTION Reordering becomes Church Improvements Group to meet at end of August and focus on how to present the plans for possible toilet and coffee area to the Church family.

B) Finance

- PCC response to letter from Diocese re 2018 Parish Contribution is that we already have a deficit budget for 2018 and potential shortfall on our budgeted income so are not able to increase our pledged contribution for 2018.

C) Operations

- No plans to proceed with any of the remaining Quinquennial Report items in 2018/19. The report had made 51 recommendations and we have done 41. Page 3 of the Finance report details what has been done. In 2020 we will obtain a detailed quote for tower stonework to window in order to proceed with this repair.
- Agreed to purchase one hand-held radio microphone. Cost likely to be around £500.
- Clock Chimes: We are waiting for Faculty approval. We have received a quote for £1100 inc. VAT.

Health and Safety

There was nothing to discuss at this meeting; everything in hand.

D) Bishop's Big Conversation Mission

In Linda Poole's absence, David Wilson and Cath Jagger spoke to the paper which had been circulated with the agenda. There was a wide-ranging discussion, the major point being that the whole event is an opportunity for non-church people to discover the love of Christ during the three days of Martyn Snow's visit. The working group is meeting again on July 30th to further refine its initial proposals. There was a discussion on a draft schedule but it was emphasised that new ideas for events during the three days are still very welcome.

ACTION ALL: Any ideas to LP/DW/C Jagger before next PCC. (*Jon Barrett, Diocesan Mission and Communication Enabler, will discuss this more fully at our PCC meeting on Sept 24th.*)

E) Send

Proposal in bold type in Send report item 6 agreed.

£400 from the discretionary tithe for 2018 to be given to support Meg Longman's work abroad.

F) Loneliness and Health

The group is having their first meeting on July 17th.

It was emphasised that it was important this group does not just focus on the elderly/non-mobile but on young mums/stay at home parents/recently retired also.

ACTION: Wendy Ferguson to design a leaflet to send out in September bringing together all the work we do with the elderly to raise awareness amongst Church Family and beyond.

5. Vicar's Report:

All Together Services 2019: It was decided that we shall do two, namely

- A) Breakfast followed by a Morning Service in early New Year, probably February.
- B) Summer picnic with Evening Service in late June.

David Wilson is taking on the role of Housegroup Co-ordinator and will be having the first meeting of Housegroup Leaders on August 13th. Josh and David have already had a hand over meeting.

Update on Children and Families work

RG, DW and Kate Croden had held a review meeting with Carrie Wainwright following her return to work after Maternity Leave. For personal reasons Carrie decided to resign from her post as Children and Families Worker, initially with effect from 31 August 2018, but at her request later changed to 9 July.

This means that in the Autumn Term we shall be without a Curate and Children and Families Worker. The Holiday Club has been cancelled (possibly postponed until next year). Payments have been returned and signage has been taken down.

There was concern that some members of the congregation were kindly donating via standing order to help pay for the C&F work.

Rob pointed out that we should see this as an opportunity for people to grow into leadership. This is an opportunity for new people to come forward.

Summary of decisions agreed regarding Children & Families work and finance:

- All Sunday School and School ministry spending would now be taken from the Children & Families Restricted Fund.
- The money set aside by the PCC in the Children & Families Designated Fund would now become available for reallocation for other purposes in due course. It was agreed that the purchase of the new microphone would be covered by money from this fund.

ACTION: - Growth Fund grant to be wound up. Rob and Sue will work together on reporting to Diocese.

ACTION: - Charles Poole to write to church members who make standing order payments to the Children and Families Restricted Fund to explain developments and offer options to continue or not.

6. Review of Meeting:

We covered a lot of ground.

Decisions were made.

This was Josh's last PCC and we thanked him for his contribution during his time with us. Linda to organise a trip to the welcome service at Josh's new church.

7. Closing prayers

Meeting closed at 21.30.

The next meetings:

Business Committee: Wednesday 12th September venue TBA

Paperwork and reports to by **Sunday, September 9th** please

Next PCC on **Monday 24th September 19.15.for 19.30** start at Rothley School