

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, READING STREET

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council held on Wednesday, 25th May 2106 at 7.30 p.m.

Item		Action
1	<p>OPENING PRAYER Rev'd Philip Musindi opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed Pauline Jackson to the PCC. <u>Present:</u> R. Collins, C. Eldred, J. Graham, P. Jackson, P. Long, R. Owen, F. Pearse, G. Silsbury, B. Turp</p>	
2	<p>APOLOGIES: D. Foster, S. Foster, D. Verrall</p>	
3	<p>“LARK IN THE PARK”: Trevor Clarke attended the meeting and described how the event worked and how volunteers could help with various age groups and events. It takes place from August 11th-21st in Ramsgate and attracts 18,000 visitors who enjoy the free activities on offer. Three hundred volunteers are needed, including some for overnight security – free food and drinks are available to them and volunteers are welcome for however long they wish to help. Volunteer leaflets were distributed with all the details. It had been hoped that we would be able to have a stall selling “I Can See” but this would not fit with the theme of the event. It would however be possible to have a leaflet advertising St. Andrew’s and the book in the Information Tent. It was agreed to advertise for volunteers in the news-sheet and Parish magazine. An offer to help with publicity to schools to be made in a thank-you letter to Trevor Clarke.</p>	JG
4	<p>COMMUNITY HALL Chris and Chris Naumann attended to update the meeting on progress with funding. They had made the first application of the five Trusts identified, to the Bernard Sunley Group which had been a complicated process, but having been done will help with future applications. A meeting with Charlotte McCaulay is planned for next Tuesday to get feedback and it is understood that the application will take up to three months to process. In association with this item, No. 9 on the Agenda was then taken next.</p>	
5	<p>PROPOSAL FOR FUND RAISING ACTIVITY BY THE CHURCH FAMILY: G. Silsbury referred to the importance of targeting Trusts which focus on serving the community, including isolated elderly, but that if we achieve normal giving from all five Trusts that will give us £90,000 out of the £150,000 needed. There is a commitment for the church to raise the balance which will need more than the normal fund-raising activities. The proposal was to ask for interest-free loans, where money would be put to benefiting the whole community. These would be in units of £500 to be repaid in the same units. The added benefit would be that amounts raised could be used in other grants looking for “matched funding” and thus broaden the base of potential groups and trusts to which we could appeal. Detailed arrangements still needed to be worked out, but at this stage, the PCC were asked to give their views and to decide whether this was a viable proposition. The subsequent discussion was positive, and it was thought that people would feel involved in the project and would be happy to see the fruits of their investment, with more use being made of a refurbished Hall. It was hoped to raise £10-15,000 via this route. Diocesan advisors to be</p>	GS/C.C.

	<p>asked if a License was required. There were other advantages in that Gift Aid could be claimed if people decided not to have their money repaid and as money came in, it would be possible to start on some of the work needed so that when businesses were approached for funds, they could see something already happening, especially as the main body of work could not now start until later in 2017. The proposal was thus debated and agreed by the PCC unanimously. £4,000 has already been pledged so far and attempts would be made to ascertain how Adisham church managed to raise £140,000 and learn from that. G. Silsbury reported that a company has been asked to survey the Church and Hall heating systems, which are very expensive to run. An amount of money for heating is included in the £150K sum. However, the cost of the entire scheme will be considerably more as the church is to be included. It is intended to take this scheme to the Friends for their consideration for financial support.</p>	
6	<p>APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN, TREASURER AND SECRETARY: These were approved as Vice-Chairman: share between the two Churchwardens; Treasurer: B. Turp; Secretary: J. Graham.</p>	
7	<p>MINUTES OF MARCH 9TH 2016: These were approved, proposed by G. Silsbury and seconded by C. Eldred, with one alteration under item 4/4.13 to read: “The Bishop had renewed permission for M. Hawthorne to give communion by extension”.</p>	
8	<p>MATTERS ARISING: The Time and Talents Directory is due for updating and J. Graham offered to take this on. Some discussion centred around how best to do this/where to place it to avoid its being out-of-date very quickly. Further discussion merited production of a manual to assist new PCC members or sidespeople and it was decided to take this further outside this meeting.</p> <p>4.7: “I Can See”: Sales total £1,077 so far. More publicity is needed and a leaflet advertising the book will be offered for display at “Lark in the Park”. Three-quarters of book stocks are as yet unsold.</p> <p>4.8: Parish Magazine: Feedback has been good and circulation is up on last year (40 copies this month; 24 this time last year). Although some articles are coming in from people, this has to be supplemented by internet articles to make up the pages for the 50p price. It was agreed to accept paid-for advertisements – initially can increase to three, same amount of space for each, matching the rates Holy Trinity charge.</p> <p>4.15: Hampton Court visit took place successfully on 23rd May.</p>	<p>LT</p> <p>PJ/GS</p>
9	<p>DEANERY SYNOD: Met on 28th April at St. Andrew’s. A team from the Diocese attended to talk about the future working together of the Ramsgate and Margate churches. The Church Army evangelists presented on a “dream team” initiative, launched on 21st March, intended as a challenge on what Thanet needs to enable the church to grow. A Priest-in-Charge has been appointed at St. Peter’s – Jane Durrans, who will be licensed on 6th August at 3.00 p.m. Ken Cox has been appointed as unpaid part-time chaplain at the Hospice. A PCC training course is being investigated by the Deanery, an evening CPAS course, no date available yet. An ex young offender attended to talk about the gang culture in Thanet.</p> <p>It was hoped that the new Archdeacon will be appointed in the autumn, meaning that it will probably be the beginning of 2017 before he/she is up and running.</p>	
10	<p>BROADSTAIRS GROUP MINISTRY: Met on 12th May. Joint events</p>	

	<p>proposed include Songs of Praise for Dickens Week at 6.30 p.m. on Sunday, 19th June, with combined choirs, Rev'd Musindi to preside; joint Evensong on 26th September at St. Peter's and Harvest celebration with joint Songs of Praise at 6.30 p.m. on 2nd October at St. Andrew's.</p> <p>It was decided to keep the three individual magazines and possibly consider a different joint project from the previous combined magazine.</p>	
11	<p>FINANCE: The Treasurer reported that he will not be able to pay May's Quota in full. He is not anticipating any problems with being able to pay this once the fund-raising events start in June, enabling him to catch up with payments. He had prepared a five-year projection, incorporating the increase in Quota. It will be tight, but doesn't take account of any income from the Hall so if the Hall income is good, this will help. Some amendments are needed to the PCC names as Trustees, and the Treasurer will send out the appropriate documents as necessary. The Bank account will be changed to allow Richard Collins to be one of the signatories to replace Barbara McParland. This was agreed, as was the Voyagers' signatories to continue as R. Collins, P. Price and D. Long for another year.</p>	
12	<p>Reports: The Worship Committee report of 6th April had been received.</p>	
13	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS:</p> <p><u>PCC Away-Day:</u> G. Silsbury reported that his research had identified thirty different units which come together to run the church but there is still no kind of directory which would help people who need to know where to go for advice. Ideally, all these thirty groups should report in to one of the four sub-committees within the PCC. The Reports traditionally available at the AGM needed to be revamped to reflect this and a PCC Away Day was suggested to consider this and other matters which could not be handled during an evening meeting. This was agreed, and to have a Facilitator. The Leadership Team will take this forward.</p> <p><u>Computer Security:</u> The ageing office computer is in need of some back-up device and R. Collins offered to work with S. Kemp in investigating this. There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.</p>	<p>LT</p> <p>RC</p>