



The Parish of Iver

The churches of St Peter and St Leonard

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2010 at 7.45 p.m. at St Peter's Centre

Present	Rev Tim Eady	Lesley Willoughbv	Sarah Smith
	(presiding)	Fliss Akehurst	Maureen James
	George Howard	Jackie Griffiths	Janice Rowsell
	Brian Griffiths	Wendy Jenner	Peter Gibbs
	Kate Wilson	Tina Lewis	Joe Gibbs
	Steve Baynes	Angela Lindstrom	
	Paul Walker	Gerald Paine	

1	OPENING PRAYER <i>Tim opened the meeting with a reading followed by a time of prayer. Tim welcomed Peter Gibbs to the meeting.</i>	<u>ACTION</u>
2	APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from Nicki Foggoa, Chris Dalwood, Leslie Rimell, Pauline Telfer, Peter Owen.	
3	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on 19 th January 2010 were received and approved with alternations – Matters arising – Allen Walker wish us Happy New Year. Finance – ‘If Karen omits the increase in our parish share we will show a surplus’.	
	MATTERS ARISING St Leonard's House Rental The standing committee met on Sunday afternoon and have agreed a proposal. This is that the rental should be finalised in September 2010 and meantime repairs should be undertaken. Three valuations have been carried out and range from £1000 - £1300. Three valuations would be sought again in September. The rental period would be for one year. Peter and Joe have no desire to leave St Leonard's House for the time being but explained that they need to know before the summer whether they would be able to remain in the property. After much discussion Kate proposed that we agree a rent of £1000 per calendar month from 1 st January 2011, (renewable yearly with a 6 month notice period). Brian seconded this. The PCC voted unanimously to accept this.	
	Music Paul wanted to give thanks to Alison Elcoat for her musical	

contribution at St Leonard's Church. He confirmed that Roger and Sarah are continuing to work on the St Peter's services each week.

Youth

£30 has been donated towards Clare's retreat and therefore the remainder, £40 plus travel expenses will be paid by the church.

Training Day

Kate is attending the Living Faith Training Day on 27th February and Brian and Jim have agreed to accompany her. No date has been set for the working party to meet re: Bishop Johns' visit.

4 CORRESPONDENCE

Development of St Leonard's Site

George has received a basic feasibility study from the Architect.

Tim McFroys (worked on the Iver Nursery Project) donated an hour of his time to give his opinion on the site. He was very excited about the potential.

Discussed demolishing the hall and the Core and re-providing these facilities behind the Church. The extension would be constructed behind St Leonard's Church. 4 flats could be erected on the clear land and connected to mains drainage.

He suggested that a quantity surveyor should be involved at the beginning to cost out the project.

It would cost approximately £1200-£1400 for 6 weeks work by the architect and quantity surveyor to provide a full financial plan and feasibility study. Tim would be interested in doing this work. Tim works for a firm of architects that have worked for the Diocese (Compton Lacey). George estimate this could happen in the next two years.

Maureen proposed paying for the study and financial plan to enable the PCC to make a final decision on the viability of the project.

George proposed this and Maureen seconded it. All agreed.

It was decided that the Fabric Committee will oversee the study.

GH

5 REVIEW OF 11AM SERVICE

Tim reported that the leadership team, worship group and children's ministry team met to discuss the 11am.

There were issues at 11am with intimacy and accessibility and trying to accommodate both views.

The proposal from the meeting was the children remain in church at the beginning of the service and there is a lively period of worship for all to enable the children to be connected to the church.

After the first part of the service children and adults will go into their own period of teaching. (The children will go to their groups). At 12 o'clock the children will return for a final prayer followed by fellowship. An All-Age service will be held once per month choosing the most appropriate week ie Mothering Sunday.

Much discussion was had regarding the end of the service and prayer ministry. This will be reviewed at the next meeting.

6 CHILDREN'S AND FAMILIES REPORT

Joe wanted to stress that we must move away from treating the children at the 11am service as an 'interruption' when they come into

Church. She also asked for prayer for Kat and her spiritual needs as a children's worker. Joe has enough helpers but feels that leaders are needed. People who are prepared to teach and lead the children. She suggested a training programme over a period of time to train our leaders. Joe stated that *Equipped to Lead* was a brilliant course and all attendees are now involved in leadership of some form. Joe will look into courses and investigate this further and she asked the PCC to consider further.

JG

BG

Brian will look up Church pastoral aid courses.

Joe has already approached potential leaders and suggested that as leaders a rota needs to be compiled to enable each leader to have weeks off to be able to come and worship. Oh these weeks the children could have simpler activities. Joe and George will discuss this further. Tim stressed the need for leaders and helpers.

JG/GH

7 DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

No Report

8 FINANCE REPORT

An Extraordinary annual meeting will be held on 28th February 2010. Mr Gooch resigned as auditor in December 2009. Mr Will Paine has agreed to take on the role for no income. This will be voted on.

9 FABRIC REPORT

The Diocese are asking for Church land to be registered. We will have to register the land at St Leonard's before development. The total land is the two churches and two church yards and the land at St Leonard's. Maureen proposed we go ahead with this and all agreed.

Maureen cannot find any record of who should pay for the repair of the chancel roof.

Maureen is waiting to hear from the Parish Council regarding the St Peter's Centre car park.

There will be a day of work at St Peter's Centre on 13th March.

10 YOUTH WORK REPORT

Tina and Clare both prepared reports and emailed prior to the meeting. George and Helen have taken over the coordination of the Friday night youth clubs and have published a programme and sent out a letter to all the young people and their families.

Tim wished Tina well with EC and stressed that it is very important that it grows.

Paul Walker stated that he will not be able to continue to run the youth band long term. Due to work commitments he will have to hand this over. He will continue in the short term. Please consider a new leader. Joe suggested the possibility of paying a music teacher and suggested James Vigurs.

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Tim felt that it was too late to discuss 'Into Membership' and asked that all PCC members look at page 15 and encourage all church members to take it seriously.

Tim asked that all members consider this booklet carefully.

Further to the last meeting and discussion on the ministry of welcome, Tim provided leaflets for all PCC members that are now available in the

back of the churches. Tim has also produced a 'welcome to the parish' letter for all magazine distributors. This will be put in any magazine when a deliver sees that a new person or family have moved in. The home group resources library is still be compiled. Jan has only had feedback from Jackie and asked other members to provide information. This will then be posted on the website.

JR

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ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jackie reported that Cornerstone made a profit of £1443 at the end of the financial year (May '09).

Jackie has copies of the accounts if anyone would like to view them. She still has 40 volunteers and is attending outside events speaking about Cornerstone and Fairtrade. Cornerstone is still hosting the fashion show twice per year and other events at the shop.

In 15 months the lease will expire and Jackie has asked the PCC to consider whether Cornerstone renews the lease and continues.

The Cornerstone support group have met recently and Jackie would like to aim to have some time off. Jim covers for Jackie once per week but at present she does not have holiday cover and would like to consider a job share. She stated that she still embraces all aspects of Cornerstone but needs to build in some time off. PCC members congratulated Jackie on her profit and work.

Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 23rd March 2010 7.45pm.