



The Parish of Iver

The churches of St Peter and St Leonard

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

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

Present	Rev Tim Eady	Chris Dalwood	Sarah Smith
	(presiding)	Jackie Griffiths	Pauline Telfer
	George Howard	Maureen James	Paul Walker
	Kate Wilson	Wendy Jenner	Jim Dashper
	Fliss Akehurst	Tina Lewis	
	Steve Baynes		

1	OPENING PRAYER <i>Tim opened the meeting with a reading followed by a time of prayer.</i>	<u>ACTION</u>
2	APOLOGIES Apologies for absence were received from, Nicki Foggoa, Joe Gibbs, Brian Griffiths, Angela Lindstrom, John Norfolk, Peter Owen, Gerald Paine, Leslie Rimell, Janice Rowsell, Lesley Willoughby	
3	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd February 2010 were received and approved, with one amendment – that the rent of £1000 per calendar month for St Leonard's House was effective from 10 December 2010.	
4	MATTERS ARISING Fabric : 1) Registration of land – the area between the two churchyards – The Straight belongs to the Diocese. 2) Maureen & Peter have spoken to SBDC about planning permission for the St Peter's Car Park – it will be worth submitting an application as long as care is taken not to damage the roots of the nearby trees. Youth work: Music – Paul asked how much might be paid if a music teacher were to take over the youth band. It was understood James Vigurs charges about £25 per hour for private lessons. Paul suggested he and Joe could discuss options with James.	
5	CORRESPONDENCE Tim had an item from Churches Together in The Ivers. There was a suggestion to hold an event to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June 2012, perhaps an open-air service in the middle of the village, the weekend after the double Bank Holiday. The PCC was broadly in favour.	

6 DEANERY SYNOD

No report as the meeting had only just taken place. Steve Baynes will prepare an annual report

7 FINANCE REPORT

The annual accounts are still with the auditor, so cannot be approved yet. A special meeting will have to be held to approve the accounts before the APCM . Suggested date Sunday 11 April at 12.30 at St Peter's. (Subsequently moved to Sunday 18 April).

8 FABRIC REPORT

Annual report has been circulated. – thanks to Peter & Maureen for preparing it. It was unanimously accepted by the PCC

Monthly report also circulated. 1.Chancel roof:

Last week another large section of copper was stolen from St Peter's chancel roof. The previous repair cost £25,000 but it is currently only insured for £5,000 because of the additional security measures yet to be installed. We may be able to apply for grants from heritage organisations, but this cannot be done until a faculty for replacement is applied for. Steve Baynes asked if we could replace the copper with another material. This is unlikely as the Diocese & English Heritage required like for like replacement. When asked the same question last time, it was deemed that insufficient had been removed to merit total replacement. This time, more has been stolen, but the new section was too hard to remove. Replacement with stainless steel could be considerably cheaper. In order to apply for a faculty for the repairs to the chancel roof, "the PCC agree to necessary repairs to the chancel roof following the theft of copper, as advised by the church architect, (Mr A Meeling)" Proposed by Pauline Telfer, seconded by Maureen James. Unanimously agreed.

4. St Peter's Centre – Grant for School Room

A discussion was held about the grant which Sally has received from the Youth Opportunities Fund, for computer equipment for use with young people. The grant was applied for some while ago - £9,000 for equipment and £5,000 for rental, and it appears some provisional permission was given for use of the School Room, but not by the PCC. The grant has now been offered for equipment only, not the rental. There are still other sources to apply to for the rental income, or if the PCC decides the room is not available, representations will have to be made to the Parish Council to find alternative accommodation. There could be a conflict of interest, as suggestions have been made about using the School Room as the Parish Office and possibly converting the old office into a studio flat. There were questions about when the room would be used, how much equipment and furniture would be kept in the room, whether the equipment could be used by others when not in use by Sally, security, and manning the centre while used as a drop-in. If the studio flat option is deemed viable, would the rental from that be better than the rent from the project?

Kate suggested that the issue the PCC needed to address was, if the £5,000 could be found, could the room be used for the project, or would Sally have to look for another venue? It was felt that more details were required and it was suggested Sally be invited to the next PCC meeting to share her vision, including responses to the above issues.

5. St Peter's Overhead Projector

The PCC was asked to approve in principle the purchase of a new projector as and when needed. The projector lamp could go at any time, and it would be more economical to buy a more powerful projector than just replace the bulb. This could happen quite soon or at some time in the future, but if and when the lamp goes, a replacement projector would be needed very quickly.

Evelyn Wilson wishes to hire the St Peter's Centre for a week-long drama workshop during August. The normal rent for this period would be £1000, but she only has a grant of £500 available. Although this is a shortfall on normal rental, it would be a gain if there were no other booking for that period. Given the benefit to local children, Jackie Griffiths proposed, Pauline Telfer seconded and the motion was carried with one abstention.

9 CHILDREN'S & FAMILIES WORK REPORT

Tim has received Joe's resignation as Children's and Families Worker with effect from 18 June 2010 as she will be starting a PGCE course at Brunel in September. Tim wished to record thanks to Joe for all her work over the last 18 months.

The Way Forward – it was agreed at this week's staff meeting that George, Tina, Helen and Joe will make a presentation at the APCM.

Totzone – two mothers are prepared to take over co-ordination.

Sunday work presents more of a challenge.

Joe's salary is currently covered by contributors, would these contributions continue to cover another worker?

Tim suggested that with both Clare and Joe's departure, the job descriptions might be rewritten and a review group set up. Although the two areas are very different, there could be common ground, or scope for different allocation of resources.

10 YOUTH REPORT

Tim recorded his thanks to Tina, George, Helen and all of the team for their ongoing work.

11 LIVING FAITH MISSION ACTIVITY & BISHOP'S VISIT

Kate reported back from the workshop she attended with Jim and Brian.

The Diocese invites us to put on a mission event in September, but not from the usual perspective of a Church Service or social event. The

idea is to choose a specific group with whom the church has links, involve them in deciding what sort of event they would like us to put on, and then to organize it. Some parishes have opted out as unable to pledge the resources needed. The PCC agreed to make the commitment. Four potential groups had been identified – Mums and Toddlers through Totzone, Teenagers through Synergy and Emerging Culture, the bereaved, the Football Club. Totzone was chosen as the preferable group. Kate would start some informal discussions with Joe and the members, but a co-ordinating group will need to be set up. A follow-up training is being held on 15 May 2010, when initial plans are to be fed back.

There will be a Deanery Event in early October at Pinewood Studios.

12 VICAR'S REPORT

Bishop John will be spending 24 hours in the parish from Friday afternoon 24 to Saturday 25 September. Possible events for him to visit:- Gap & Synergy, say 20 minutes each, a Guest meal in the evening – congregation to bring a non-church guest and Bishop John to speak afterwards. Saturday morning- simple worship with address in church, then Football, Cornerstone, perhaps a lunchtime bar-b-q at Richings Park Social Club. Any other venues in the village he could visit – Wingrove's Farm Shop?

13 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Steve Baynes will be standing down from Deanery Synod as he is going to worship at his local church. He has one year left to serve on Deanery Synod

Tim recorded thanks to Paul Walker and Steve for their service and ministry at St Peter's as this was their last PCC meeting.

Nicki Foggoa has also decided to stand down as she has found it difficult to attend meetings.

Jackie Griffiths, Gerald Paine and Angela Lindstrom have completed three years on the PCC.

PCC Away Day – It had been suggested at the staff meeting that the Away day might take the form of a Devotional Day and be held in say June or July rather than a business meeting at the start of the year.

14 Date of Next Meeting

Extraordinary General Meeting to agree accounts:- Sunday 18 April 2010 at 12.30pm

APCM:- Thursday 22 April 2010 7.45pm.

Next PCC Meeting:- Tuesday May 25th 7.45pm