



The Parish of Iver

The churches of St Peter and St Leonard

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2008 at 7.45 p.m. at St Leonard's Hall

Present	Rev Tim Eady	Jackie Griffiths	Peter Owen
	(presiding)	Maureen James	Lesley Willoughby
	Fliss Akehurst	Roy Johnston	Darren Quinnell
	Jim Dashper	Wendy Jenner	Paul Walker
	Joe Gibbs	Angela Lindstrom	Steve Baynes
	Pete Gibbs	John Norfolk	
	Rev Brian Griffiths		

1 OPENING PRAYER

The theme of Loving Relationships was taken by Tim Eady who urged us all to consider others needs before our own, to love one another and not to cause others to stumble by our words and actions.

ACTION

2 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Glenda Collins, Michael Kennedy, Gerald Paine, Rev. Kate Wilson and Leslie Rimell

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd July 2008 were received and approved with the following amendments.

4.1 It was agreed that Leslie Rimell should be kept involved and informed of matters in a timely fashion by alternate means, in order that he can continue to make a contribution to the proceedings.

4.4 John Norfolk was unhappy that the letters not addressed directly to the P.C.C, should be responded to on his behalf. He felt this legitimised the process adopted by these individuals. He was disappointed that members of the congregation felt that this was an appropriate and Christian action especially as some of the comments implied but did not evidence some form of wrongdoing by the P.C.C.

4.3 The suggestion to apply for an Archdeacon's certificate was made by the Diocesan Advisory Committee and not the Archdeacon as stated.

The minutes of the extraordinary meeting of Monday 11th August were received and approved.

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 4(a) Treasurer

Tim reported that a lady called Fiona Anjo who has recently joined our church has offered to be trained as treasurer. She has met with Rob Penn who has offered to help her become familiar with our finances during the next few months. Fiona is an experienced bookkeeper but has not dealt with church finances. Tim has received a good report from her minister at the church in Mauritius that she attended but it was pointed out that she had nothing to do with their finances. Wendy expressed concern about Fiona's lack of experience but Tim reported that Rob suggested that she should not join the P.C.C. until the new year

4.2 4(b) Proposal for new Sunday Services at St Peter's

Pete was concerned that the letter sent by Tim implied that children would not be able to attend the 9.15 a.m. service at St Peter's but Tim said that children were

welcomed to all services although children's activities would only be available at the 11.00 a.m. service.

4.3 4 (c) Appointment of Childrens' and families work and Youth Worker

Tim reported that there has been one applicant for the post of part time Childrens' and families worker. The interview will take place on Tuesday 23rd September. The interview panel will be Revd Tim Eady, Revd Brian Griffiths, Maureen James and Sarah Meere. Paul Walker will not be available at the interview time. Brian reported that there is a shortfall in funding of approximately £1,500. This amount will have to be made up from fund raising activities etc.

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There has been one definite application for the post of Youth worker and two more enquiries. The advertisement has now appeared in the various publications. Jo expressed disappointment in the artwork of the advertisement as it appeared in the magazine and will contact the staff to discuss the matter.

5 CORRESPONDENCE

Stella and Sandra Rowlands have asked if they can donate a kneeler for the chancel step in memory of their parents Peggy and Stanley Rowlands. The kneeler will be worked by the Rowlands in tapestry using cross stitch. It will be made in three sections, each of which will have a dark blue cross worked into the design. The filling will be fire retardant foam. The P.C.C. agreed unanimously to this design and proposal.

6 FABRIC COMMITTEE REPORT

John reported that the trees in the grounds of St Leonard's church have been removed and the stumps ground out. Some work remains to landscape the site. The re-plastering of St Leonard's Hall toilets has been completed and these will be re-decorated during the half term holiday. John wished to thank Roy for all his hard work ensuring that the work was carried out and for the extra work done by Roy. He also wished to thank Tracey Goddard for all the extra cleaning of the hall.

We are still awaiting a second quote for the internal door at St Leonard's Church. John asked for approval for the purchase of a new radio microphone for St Leonard's church but there was some concern about whether funds were available. Maureen will check with Rob Penn to find out what money is left in the Moonraker donation from last year. It is proposed to move the piano from St Leonard's vestry to the hall because Richings Choral Society now meets in the hall and want to use the better instrument.

MJ

JN

The external work on the tower of St Peter's has been completed and the internal work will commence at the beginning of October. The refurbishment of the clock has been completed. The shaft for the hour hand had to be replaced as it had split and this brought the cost to £5060 plus VAT. The Parish Council have given a grant of £2,500 towards the work and the VAT has been reclaimed. A new aluminium lightning conductor was fitted because the original one was dislodged during the re-pointing work and it was not possible to obtain new fittings for the original copper one.

7 SECURE STORAGE CUPBOARD FOR ST PETER'S CHURCH

The Diocesan Advisory Committee has approved the plans for the secure storage cupboard.

It was proposed that the P.C.C. apply for a Faculty to build a cupboard at the east end of the south aisle of St Peter's Church for the storage of musical instruments to the design approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

Proposer: - Brian Griffiths, seconded John Norfolk. Approved unanimously

<p>8</p>	<p>FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT</p> <p>Maureen reported that a number of donations have been made to the Bell fund in memory of Peggy Rowlands.</p> <p>The Tower repair grants have now covered all invoices received to date and there will be a further grant from English Heritage paid in October. It is hoped that the work will continue to be within budget and should be mostly completed by the end of October.</p> <p>The Organ fund has not been wound up yet as James Richardson Jones still has work to complete.</p> <p>A withdrawal of £14,000 has been made from the St Peter's Extension fund as this amount was owed to the P.C.C. current account. Sufficient shares in the FMIF funds were sold with Diocesan approval to raise this amount. There is now about £550 left in this fund.</p> <p>As Darren will be leaving before the end of the year the anticipated deficit in the Youth work budget will be less than anticipated.</p> <p>Rob Penn hopes to produce a full set of accounts before the end of September so that there will be a much clearer view of our finances both for the P.C.C. and for Fiona.</p> <p>Judith Catling is helping Jan Rowsell to ensure that the invoices for parish magazine advertisements are sent out promptly.</p> <p>It is essential that invoices etc for hiring the St Peter's Centre are sent out before the event. The bookings for the hall have increased considerably since the advertisement has been placed in the Parish magazine.</p> <p>The utility bills have nearly doubled this year and everyone is urged to use minimum lighting and heating. It is essential that any proposed expenditure is approved before it occurs.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>CRIMINAL RECORD BUREAU CHECKS</p> <p>Gerry Paine wishes to resign from his position as co-ordinator for C.R.B. checks because of ill health. Jo will approach a church member who she believes will be suitable to see if they will be prepared to become co-ordinator.</p> <p>It was pointed out that we should appoint a Child Protection representative who is not a member of the Childrens' or Youth work teams or Clergy. Paul Walker will consider whether he can take this work on as he has considerable experience at school.</p>	<p>JG</p> <p>PW</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>VICAR'S REPORT</p> <p>Tim reported that there will be a Day Conference at St Peter's hall, Furze Platt on Saturday 7th February 2009 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. The speaker will be Martin Goldsmith. Tim passed round a programme for the day. Concern was expressed that the finish time was rather late for small children. It was decided that there should be a shorter lunch break and that the conference should finish at 5 p.m. The proposed cost per person will be £8 and the cost of the hall hire will be £50. Kate Wilson will deal with catering arrangements.</p> <p>Tim has tickets for "The Liberator" by the Lacey Theatre company on 22nd November. at 8 p.m. in the Village Hall. A member of the company will perform a three minute sketch at 9.15 a.m. and 11 a.m. services at St Peter's and the 10 a.m. service at St Leonard's morning service on 26th October.</p> <p>Tim informed the P.C.C. that a potential curate for Iver has visited the parish. He is training at Cuddesden Theological college and finishes his studies next year. His home church is in Windsor. As he is a single parent with three children there will be extra pastoral difficulties to overcome if he feels called to this parish.</p>	<p>TE</p> <p>KW</p> <p>TE</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>Roy Johnston is concerned that it is hard to hear the speaker when sitting towards the back of St Peter's Church. Paul Walker will introduce sound checks for the speaker before the services.</p> <p>Maureen asked that anyone who will need to produce a budget for next year to let her have their figures before the end of October.</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>MJ</p>

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 21st October 2008 7.45 p.m. at St Leonard's Hall

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OTHER DIARY DATES

22 November – Lacey Theatre Company , The Liberator at the Village Hall

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CLOSE OF MEETING

Rev Tim Eady closed the meeting with prayer at 9.30 p.m.