

St Margaret of Antioch, Crick

~Responding to God's Love~

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting held in the Old School, Crick

Thursday 12 November, 2009

The Reverend David Lake opened the meeting with a short act of worship.

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| Present: | Chairman | The Reverend David Lake |
| | Acting Secretary | Rosanna Atkins |
| | Church Warden | Dave Milne |
| | Church Warden | Craig Walford |
| | | Andy Hopkins |
| | | Julia Potts |
| | | Alan Leach |
| | | Colin Mynott |
| | | Patricia Lake |
| | | Nigel Howard |

Meeting opened at 8.00pm

Item 1

Apologies: Catherine Morrish

Item 2

Notification of any other business – None

Item 3

Signing of the Minutes

The minutes of the PCC meeting held on the 16 September, 2009 were signed by the Revd. David Lake as being accurate and correct. One copy to be placed in the master file and one displayed in the church porch notice board.

Item 4

Matters arising from the meeting on Wednesday 3 June, 2009

It was agreed that a “draft” copy of the minutes would be placed in the master file with a codicil that that amendments may be made before being signed.

Item 5

Correspondence

Letter from Jeffrey Day requesting a copy of the next Quinquennial report to be copied to the Parish Council; amongst other items of a domestic nature that he would like the PCC to deal with. David Lake will respond to letter.

Item 6

Dates for future meetings

Wednesday 20 January 2010

Wednesday 17 March 2010

Wednesday 21 April (APCM)

(these dates are now booked)

Item 6a

Deanery Synod Report

Debby Kristan has very kindly agreed to step in for her daughter Amy, who has moved, to attend the Deanery Synod meetings. Thank you Debby. Debby proceeded to read out the report which will appear in the TCN.

Item 7

Sunday Services

Craig Walford delivered his second presentation on the above item. In conjunction with Dave Milne and David Lake, he presented 4 options for a new format for Sunday Services for the PCC to consider.

Option 1

Week One Matins (BCP)
Week Two Family Service (Under 11s)
Week Three Holy Communion (BCP)
Week Four All Age Worship (over 13s – 16)

Option 2

Week One Songs of Praise
Week Two Holy Communion (over 16)
Week Three Family Service (Under 11s)
Week Four Holy Communion (BCP)

Option 3

Week One Holy Communion (over 16)
Week Two Family Service (Under 11s)
Week Three Songs of Praise with Holy Communion
Week Four Matins (BCP)

Option 4

Week One Holy Communion (BCP)
Week Two Family Service (Under 11s)
Week Three Songs of Praise with Holy Communion
Week Four All Age Worship (over 16s)

Initial responses were invited by going around the table, with everyone given time to voice their thoughts. This was followed by a full and frank discussion and a Q&A. The PCC were then asked to vote on which option was preferred. The count was as follows:

- Option 1 – 1 vote
- Option 2 – 0 vote
- Option 3 – 0 vote
- Option 4 – 7 votes

There was one abstention. Option 4 was carried

Item 8

Future Church and Restoration Funding

Colin Mynott presented an interim draft budget, the results of which were unsettling:

It is envisaged that the Church will be insolvent in 3 years.

- Radical proposals are needed for giving
- The current deficit is £5000 which will need to be met from reserves
- Some thought needs to be given to the “Jack Wills Legacy” – Colin suggested that it is given to Friends of St Margaret’s so the Church doesn’t see it as some sort of cushion and to be relied upon. Dave Milne and Andy Hopkins reminded us that the legacy has already been declared to English Heritage.

A spreadsheet of the budget was distributed to be read in greater detail and for the PCC to make decisions at a later date.

Item 9

Grant Application Status

Andy Hopkins read the following statement:

“We can confirm that the Nationwide Building Society FOSM account as specified in Mr Sweeney’s letter dated 26 June, 2009 is to be used to receive grant monies and that English Heritage can replace the bank account details within the application form”

Item 10

Wearing of stole for Holy Communion

Alan Leach asked David Lake if he would reconsider wearing the Holy Communion stole instead of the black scarf he has been wearing of late. David responded by agreeing that he did indeed, on his appointment, agree to wear the stole as a concession, but was finding it increasingly difficult, due to his Anglican expression of faith, to do so. He apologised to the PCC for not consulting them when he ceased to wear it and asked if he could continue to wear the black scarf. As there were some objections around the table, a vote was taken:

“Are you happy for your minister to wear the black scarf in accordance with his Anglican expression of faith?”

The vote was:

Yes – 7

No – 2

The “yes” vote was carried. Nigel Howard and Alan Leach wished their no vote to go on record.

Item 11

Church and Village Website

The Parish Council would like to pursue a proposal to build a new website which is shared between them and St Margaret's Church. This could also link to FOSM and many other village organisations. Professional website designers would need to build the website of which the approximate cost share to the PCC would be £250. This was approved.

Item 12

FOSM Christmas Tree Festival

Plans for this are well under way and proceeding well. At the time of writing, there will be 36 trees decorated. The church will be locked from 8 December 2009, but can be opened by Jean Garner for anyone wishing to visit. A sign will be displayed giving details. There will be no interference with church services during the festival

Any offers of help will be gratefully received especially on 3 December. Dave Milne will send email to PCC with all the details.

The meeting closed at 10.45pm with the group saying *The Grace* together.

Next meeting: WEDNESDAY 20 JANUARY 2010 AT 7.30PM