

CHURCH OF ST.NICOLAS, CRANLEIGH, SURREY

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in St. Andrews' Room on Wednesday February 10th 2010

Present: Howard Hardy (Chair): Michael Trent: Katherine Tuck: Richard Allon-Smith: Fiona-Anne Barker: Brian Boxall: Fiona Cantelo: Jan Durrant: Tony Garstone: Adrian Graham-Smith: Caroline Oldroyd: Ria van der Hut:

Apologies: Revd.Canon Nigel Nicholson: Valerie Speers: Jenny Davis: Roy Gasper: Jan Goldsmith: Nicholas Narraway: Mark Wigfield:

Fiona-Anne Barker opened the meeting with prayers.

Howard Hardy reported that Valerie Speers was 'very upbeat' and fully aware of what has happened. She will possibly be moved from RSCH to Frimley Park Hospital for some physio in their specialist unit, before going on to Roehampton.

1. Additions to the agenda:

- **Sound system – finance**
- **Gift Day leaflet**

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 13th January were accepted as read.

3. Matters Arising: There were no matters arising

4. Correspondence: Michael Trent had not received any correspondence.

5. Committee Minutes as presented:

- Finance
- Church Rooms:
Surestart Children's centre is prepared to give some financial contribution to tidy the garden area next to St.Nicolas Room. The PCC are happy for this to go ahead.
Fencing to be put along footpath in front of new office to try and prevent the grass from being damaged.
- Mission committee: Michel Trent is to ask for a report for the website.

6. News from the Deanery: No report this month.

7. Honorary Treasurer's report: No report this month, although there is a report attached to the Finance committee minutes.
The accounts are currently with Brewers.

8. Churchwardens' Reports;

Howard Hardy

- i) Gift Days are Thurs 22nd and Sat 24th April
- ii) A faculty has been sent to the Diocese and Rev. Ruth Walker had asked to come and look at the sound system and at the radiators. She will then report back to the Diocesan Advisory Committee.

- iii) Fire system is now totally operational. Jeremy Watts to circulate operating procedure.
- iv) The plans for the North transept have been put on hold until Valerie Speers is able to be involved again.

9. **Rector's Report:** No report in the Rector's absence.

10. **Sound system finance:** An email from Roy Glasper was circulated which highlighted some points raised by Herb Cherry in reference to the loan offer for the sound system.

A discussion followed which covered the following points:

- St Nicolas is very grateful to the donor for the offer of the loan.
- If we accept the loan we are in effect just bringing the purchase forward.
- We are still in debt by £10,000 - this is a loan, not a bequest – and so still need to raise that amount.
- The £10,000 does not cover the whole cost; there would still be a shortfall of £3,500.
- Once the sound system is installed it will be much harder to raise the money retrospectively.

Following the discussion the PCC unanimously felt that:

- St Nicolas should wait until we have the full funds before proceeding
- The PCC recommend that the Sound System cost be reviewed in 12 months against the funds available.
- The PCC, with the treasurer will review the position of the fundraising for the sound system in 6 months.

11. **Gift day leaflet:** Adrian Graham-Smith reported that last year was very successful both from the publicity side and also financially.

Adrian showed a draft copy of the leaflet and asked for thoughts about the wording to go on the front.

There will be information about what last year's money was spent on – the fire alarm, damp proofing and updating the electrics.

It was agreed to order the same quantity of leaflets as last year.

12. **Any Other Business:**

- i) **Judy Wedderspoon** had written to ask whether the PCC would support her in going forward for 3 years training as a Reader. (LLM – Licensed lay minister)

Howard Hardy submitted the following request:

We ask this meeting to agree to the following and that the Secretary will minute this as a statement to be forwarded on behalf of this parish

“The PCC wholeheartedly supports Judith Wedderspoon spiritually, prayerfully and financially as its candidate for LLM Training Selection on the understanding that it will be required to fund the candidate to the value of around £ 1000 per annum during three years of training and to a lesser extent thereafter in expenses incurred in service within the parish and agrees that on completion of training Judy will be accepted and regularly used as a full member of the Parish Staff or Ministry”

The PCC agreed unanimously and the PCC wishes Judy all the very best as she undertakes this course.

- ii) Fiona –Anne Barker asked how the church will cope while Valerie Speers is in hospital. Howard Hardy said that Peter Bond will stand in at times.
- iii) Churchyard shed – Mark Thomas is making it safe
- iv) Lychgate step – the white stripe needs repainting.

13. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 10th March
APCM Wednesday 14th April

The meeting closed with prayer, especially for Valerie and with the Grace.