

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Parochial Church Council
held in the Hazelwood Room
on Wednesday 13 January 2010**

Present: Revd.Canon Nigel Nicholson: Howard Hardy: Michael Trent: Richard Allon-Smith: Fiona-Anne Barker: Brian Boxall: Tony Garstone: Roy Glasper: Jan Goldsmith: Adrian Graham-Smith: Nicholas Narrayay: Mark Wigfield:

Apologies: There were apologies from many members due to the snow conditions.

1. Additions to the agenda:

- **Sound system - finance**
- **Risk management**
- **Bank charges**
- **Church gas account**
- **Shed repairs**

2. Minutes of the last meeting held on Wednesday 11 November were accepted and signed as read by the Rector.

3. Matters Arising: None

4. Correspondence:

The Rector reported that there is a vacancy at the Education centre (Centre manager and PA to Director of Education)

The treasurer has received a letter of thanks from the YMCA.

5. Committee Minutes as presented:

Finance and standing – see Treasurer's report

6. News from the Deanery: There was no report this month

7. Honorary Treasurer's report:

Further to the report presented to the Finance and Standing Committee, dated January 11, Roy Glasper advised of cheques drawn:

£621.79	re music licence
£2500	Holy Trinity Aldershot
£364.25	Country Services pest control
£10,457.53	Diocesan monthly quota

Roy circulated a bank statement as of 31 Dec 2009

Roy recommended an offer from UWDC to change energy suppliers. As a result, British Gas came up with a better alternative, which the PCC accepted.

As to year end accounts, Roy circulated an extract from the 2008 accounts relating to Risk management and Parish objectives. The PCC agreed to a

similar resumé of 2009 with updates on financial implications, child protection and the need for data to be protected with back up facilities.

Lloyds were seeking an increase in bank charges. Roy has found an account, still with Lloyds which could be suitable for St. Nicolas.
The PCC agreed that Roy should proceed as necessary.

8. Churchwardens' Reports;

Howard Hardy

- i) The nave lamps have been replaced with new units and the mains electrical supply from porch to lychgate has been re-laid with provision for an extra lamp if needed. Invoices have not yet been received, but a figure of £1300 was agreed.
- ii) Our request for approval to replace all radiators in the church has been returned by the DAC with a number of queries and comments. I have discussed these with Goodwin's of Horsham and with Tom Worsfold and will re submit our request to the DAC on the first Friday in February.
- iii) Fire alert system is fully connected but has to be commissioned. Jeremy Watts will arrange this, along with a training session for those people most likely to need to understand the methods of managing it.
- iv) We have received renewal notice from Country Services, pest control operators. Annual cover cost is £365.25. The committee agreed and the bill was passed to Roy Glasper.
- v) We are invited to a presentation at St John's, Woking, on 25 January. The subject is stewardship – do we wish to attend?
- vi) Has our recent parish letter had any appreciable effect? Howard Hardy feels that in the present economic climate we are getting as much support as possible.
- vii) Valerie and Howard have met to discuss ideas for the North transept and choir vestry. Thoughts include better access to the existing toilet and the feasibility of adding a new toilet with minimal building work involved. Hopefully meeting with architect and cabinet maker will be possible in order to have outline designs and costings for the February PCC meeting
- viii) When the expenditure for the sound system is clearly funded I would like to discuss what I believe to be our 3 year major spending plan.
- ix) The Buildings committee have forwarded their opinion that the west end of the brick shed in the churchyard is in a dangerous condition and has asked approval for remedial work. Mark Thomas has quoted £1600, but this figure does not cover any unforeseen problems when they dismantle the structure. The PCC agreed to this action being taken.

Valerie Speers:

Valerie began by thanking the following people following a very happy Christmas:

- Santa Fir for the lovely tree and thanks to all who decorated it. Valerie has written to Santa Fir to thank them
- The sidespeople for their extra duties and for making the services run smoothly
- The flower ladies – the church looked beautiful
- The choir and Michael Clarke
- The candle monitors
- To the Rector for all he did to make the very many services so good.

Valerie reported that 6 new members will be required for the PCC. 5 members have served their 3 years and so will retire by rotation, and another member is required to replace Linda Obee who resigned due to ill health. Please let Valerie know of anyone who might be interested.

Also 1 deanery member will be needed.

The church office is running well. 18 people are on the rota to help but a few more would mean only having to do 1 session per month.

9. Rector's Report:

- i) The Rector expressed thanks to Bishop Christopher for his attendance last Sunday despite difficult weather conditions.
- ii) The Rector thanked Dan Frett for his help with the services, which he hopes will be ongoing after the arrival of Jonathan Thomas in July.
- iii) The Rector sought reassurance from the PCC as to the current mix of services. It was agreed that the family service was attracting new families.
- iv) The Rector recommended that the legacy of £2000 from Brenda Moore be used toward the new carpet fund. The PCC agreed.
- v) A report on church attendance has been returned to the Diocese.
- vi) Thanks to Fiona-Anne Barker, Chris James and others for help in clearing the damaged cedar tree.

10. Any Other Business:

Sound System: A parishioner has offered to loan the fund £10,000, which the PCC graciously accepted subject to safeguards in the event of the loan being called in.

11. Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 10 February
Fiona –Anne Barker will say the opening prayers.

The meeting closed with the Grace.