

**St Peter & St Paul with St Andrew, Flitwick**  
**Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in the Chapter House**  
**on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2010 at 7.30 pm**

<b>Those Present:-</b> Canon M Bradley (Chairman)	Mrs W Harris
Dr A Brown (Vice Chairman)	Mrs M McKeand
Mr C Diver	Mrs L McDonald
Mrs J Frost (Secretary)	Mrs A Roby
Mrs C Golding (Treasurer)	Mrs S Sims
Mr D Golding	Mrs R Thompson
Mrs F Harding	Mr D Watson

**1. Prayers:** Michael opened the meeting with prayers.

**2. Apologies:** Apologies had been received from Rita and Dennis Gale and Derek Shelton-Smith.

**3. Minutes:** “Those present” should read Mrs W Harris. Item 3 should read **£2,308.97**. Item 5 should read “VAT **would not** be recoverable under the Places of Worship VAT scheme”. Under **AOB** re dustbin this should read “Flora has a dustbin which might be suitable”. Item 7(a) Mary did not volunteer to be on the sub-committee it was Anne Roby and Rachel Thompson and they will approach members of the congregation to join them.

With all the above amendments the Minutes of the May meeting were signed.

**4. Matters Arising from the May Minutes:**

**a)** Bedfordshire D Star. Jennie read letters from the Archdeacon of Bedford and also from Jim May at the Diocesan Office informing us that we will need a Faculty to proceed with this. We await the papers from Jim May.

**b)** Dustbin. Derek has purchased a dustbin.

**c)** Climate Change (Resolution) Anne and Rachel have not got round to resolving anything yet. They will approach members of the congregation through the pew notices. Rachel did point out that the pew notices which are left in the Church should be recycled either by taking them home or having a recycling bin in Church. It was decided to label the bin for recycling in the vestry and anything that is not for recycling should be put in the bin in the kitchen.

**d)** Whilst on the subject of bins Michael reported that he had received a complaint from Val about a nappy being left in the disabled toilet not in a bag. Flora suggested a large notice be put in the disabled loo and Rachel will print one for us.

**e)** Carmel reported that the stewardship envelopes have been altered thanks go to David Watson and Rachel Thompson who did them. Carmel reported the new envelopes for next year are correct. None of our envelopes now display the Diocesan Charity number.

**5. Treasurer's Report**

CBF	=	£80,203.59
Barclays	=	£ 6,958.81

Carmel has been reviewing the figures as we are half-way through the year and she said she was heartened to see we have received £100 more in than we have paid out. With regard to the budget we are not doing so well on the stewardship although money is coming in from elsewhere. Income Tax rebate is looking good. Chapter House rent is coming in on budget but rents down at St Andrews are not performing particularly well. The fete was a bit down this year on last but we are keeping up with the Parish Share. We now have 31 people paying their stewardship by standing order which is only a third of the money we need to pay the Parish Share. Carmel urged members of the PCC who are not paying by standing order to consider this as this is the only way she knows how much money is definitely coming in on a regular basis. The money from the Insurance is now in for the lawn mower.

**6. Fete:** The fete raised £1,114.30 and there is a list on the Notice Board of the stalls and the amounts taken.

**7. CRB Policy:** Michael reported that we are displaying an old Policy but it has been revised and this is now being addressed.

#### **8. Buildings Sub-Committee:**

**i) Chapter House.** David reported that Pam Ward had telephoned him that day. She has written a report which David needs to study in more detail. Pam is prepared to come along and meet a small group of people and the Building Committee will arrange this as soon as possible.

**ii) Fire Extinguishers.** David reported that the Fire Extinguishers will be serviced on Wednesday afternoon 16<sup>th</sup> June.

**iii) Mower.** Carmel asked if the mower was still being stored in the old vestry. David said that this is not the ideal place for the mower but at the moment there is nowhere else for it to go. Fuel is emptied out before it is put in there.

**iv) Cars parked at Church.** Michael reported that there have been more break-ins to cars parked at the Church. One was at a wedding rehearsal and one on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> parked in the cemetery when a handbag was stolen. Michael has posters which we could put up and David will look into this.

**9. Bells:** The Bell Tower has made approaches to Bell Companies as the bells need re-hanging and tuning. Apparently they have not been touched for 100 years. To get the bells out of the tower would mean that the hatch in the floor will have to be made bigger. The estimate is £25-30,000 and they are really approaching us with a view to telling us about it and not asking us to raise the money. They would like an account set up with the PCC so they can apply for grants. Carmel has spoken to Lisa Swannell because there are a number of problems with restricted funds if they have an account within the PCC. Carmel will telephone the CBF to see if there is a way of having it separate and attracting interest. If it is part of our funds they will have difficulty in getting grants. Most of our money is unrestricted so we cannot get grants. Tony suggested they set up their own charity to raise money for the bells. It was suggested that they go through the Friends but the Friends cannot actually restrict funds although they could set up a separate account. Comment was made that grants are drying up. Carmel will report back next month when she has spoken to the CBF and Lisa again. Michael said the Bell ringers would like to come to the July PCC meeting to give us a demonstration. **This item will be put on the Agenda for July.**

**10. Pastoral Care.** This item is not minuted.

## 11. Vision for Action

- a. **Projector:** Michael asked Ciaran about the projector. Ciaran is looking into it.
- b. **Junior choir:** Susan is thinking about trying to get a junior choir started which will join the Sunday School. She is hoping to start something in September. She will investigate and report back.
- c. **Messy Church:** Anne reported on Messy Church. She said that Ruth Pyke is coming to the next planning meeting this Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> which is to plan for the next Messy Church on the 10<sup>th</sup> July. Ruth has been very helpful and supportive with messy church and the Little Bears pram service.
- d. **Pentecost in Park:** Michael report that Pentecost in the Park went well but was not so well attended this year although it was a lovely day. The Archdeacon of St Albans was the speaker.
- e. **Drop in Centre:** Anne reported that Joanne Sherwood the Methodist minister is trying to get a drop in centre either a room at the back of the Village Hall or to convert the old toilets near the library.
- f. **Book/Card stall:** Carmel has been to look at the Amphyll Church card and book stall.
- g. **Open Day:** Ciaran suggested we have an “Open Day” at the Church with cream team and tours round the Church and Churchyard. Michael thought these were all good idea and he asked that people go ahead and arrange such things as the card and book stall and an open day without the necessity of having another committee set up.

## 12. Chalice and Home Communion - Resolution

Michael reported that this is getting very untidy and he suggested we have a new Resolution to be approved by the Bishop of Bedford.

The following are Chalice Assistants: David Golding, Tony Brown, John Russell, Christa Long, Helen Butler, Flora Harding, Rachel Jones, Sue Walker, Anne Roby, Val Hyde, Wendy Harris.

The following are on the Home Communion Rota: Anne Roby, Flora Harding, Helen Butler and Rachel Thompson.

Ciaran Diver proposed all the above be approved by the Bishop for Chalice Assistants and Home Communion. This was seconded by Tony Brown and agreed unanimously.

## 13. Application to join the Electoral Roll

John Paul Williams and Denise Maria Ng Siad had applied to be on the Electoral Roll as they are getting married next year. Michael proposed and it was unanimously agreed.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm with the Grace.