

**St Peter and St Paul with St Andrews, Flitwick**  
**Meeting of the Parochial Church Council**  
**Held in the Chapter House on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March, 2010 at 7.30pm**

**Those Present:**

Rev. M. Bradley (Chairman)	Mrs F Harding
Dr A Brown (Vice Chairman)	Mrs R Jones
Mr C Diver	Mr D Shelton-Smith
Mrs R Gale (Mins Secretary)	Mrs A Roby
Mrs C Golding (Treasurer)	Mrs R Thompson
Mr D Golding	

1. The meeting opened with welcome and prayers.

Tony announced that he had received a letter from the Bishop of St Albans informing us that Michael is to be appointed an Honorary Canon of St Albans Cathedral. Michael's installation will take place in St Albans Abbey on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 4.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

2. **Apologies:** Mrs J. Frost and Mrs W. Harris
3. **Minutes:** With the following amendment the Minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> February were signed as a true record: Fete Co-ordinator should read: Val has confirmed that she will do this which will take place on 8<sup>th</sup> May. The Village Hall is booked for 27<sup>th</sup> November for the Christmas Bazaar....
4. **Matters Arising from the Minutes:**

It is understood that although John finds difficulty in fulfilling his role on the Sunday Rota it was agreed that, having removed his name he will now be re-instated. It was decided to write to John informing him of this action and that his contribution is much valued.

Derek reported that due to the resignation of Karen Burt; the Parent Worker of Flitwick Children's Centre, the booking for St. Andrews will be put on hold until a satisfactory replacement for Karen is found.

5. **Adoption of the PCC Report for 2010:** With the following amendments the Report was accepted:

Church Wardens: Mr Syd Pye to be removed.

Representatives on the Deanery Synod: Mrs Rachel Thompson to be added.

Committees: The following two group to be added:

Bible Study & Home Prayer Group.

6. **Pastoral Care:** Not minuted.

7. **Treasurer's Report:**

Balances as at end of February: Balance at Barclays £3,500  
Cbf £82,968.36p

Carmel explained that the donations for the past two months were lower than normal which could be explained by the very bad weather and also by the fact that some weekly envelope givers had transferred to Stewardship giving.

Approval of Church Accounts for 2009: A copy of the Accounts was given to all attendees and Carmel explained them item by item.  
A copy is attached hereto.

Carmel Proposed that the Accounts be adopted, Anne Seconded and it was unanimously agreed.

Tony pointed out that we were aware that interest rates on our Investments were very low at present but it was not considered advisable to move money at present and that we should keep this matter under review.

Michael thanked Carmel for all her hard work in preparing these accounts.

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

A detailed report incorporating a comprehensive work schedule for the cleaner is attached hereto. Flora advised that Val Hyde had been approached to take over the Cleaner's duties and she has agreed. It was further agreed that her wages would take effect as from 1<sup>st</sup> March 2010. This was unanimously agreed.

David undertook to provide a laminated notice for the disabled toilet requesting that all soiled nappies etc are to be placed in a nappy sack (provided) and taken home. Nothing foul is to be left in the toilet and only normal toilet paper is to be flushed down the lavatory. It was decided to ask all group organizers to check that these requests are adhered to.

Tony reported that Steve Todd had commenced work on the Churchyard wall.

Michael requested that more substantial laminated instruction notices be placed in the Kitchen. David will see to it.

Carmel suggested scrapping the existing cubby-hole cabinet in the Chapter House and replacing it with a lockable mobile type cabinet to house miscellaneous saleable items. Carmel has received an estimate slightly in excess of £1,000 for this cabinet and although the idea was good in principle it was decided to defer the decision to the next meeting.

#### 9. **Vision for Action:**

- i) **Action on climate change:** We have been tasked to consider every possible way, we as a Church, can reduce our carbon foot-print. This to be deferred until the next meeting.
- ii) **Church website:** Michael advised that he has re-designed our website.

**PCC Nomination forms:** We were reminded that we require Nomination Forms for those wishing to stand for election to the new PCC. Three other members of the congregation have been asked to consider serving on the PCC and given nomination forms.

The meeting ended with Said Grace at 9.30pm.