

**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> February 2010 at 7.30 pm**

<b>Those Present:</b>	Rev. M. Bradley (Chairman)	Mrs F Harding
	Dr A Brown (Vice Chairman)	Mrs W Harris
	Mr C. Diver	Mrs R Jones
	Mrs J Frost (Secretary)	Mr D Shelton Smith
	Mrs R Gale (Mins Secretary)	Mrs A Roby
	Mrs C Golding (Treasurer)	Mrs R Thompson
	Mr D Golding	

1. **Prayers:** The meeting opened with prayers.
2. **Apologies:** None given
3. **Minutes:** 11<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Signed as a true record.
4. **Matters Arising:**
  - **Sidesman Training:** 99% complete.
  - **Church Vacancies:** Two Prospective New Sunday School Leaders 2010. Report attached hereto. John Russell agreed to be stand in Altar Server whenever he was present in Church. Wendy reported that we have sufficient people to fill the vacancy so it may now be left out of the Pew Notice. It is still necessary to leave the Notice for Sidesmen in.
  - **Fete Co-ordinator:** Val has confirmed that she will do this and that the Village Hall is booked for 27<sup>th</sup> November, 2010. At this point Carmel reported that we will be required to pay the full hiring fee for this in advance.
  - **Snow clearing:** Flora reported that Andrew Long was willing to help with the clearing of snow in the Church Yard when required.
5. **Terrier & Log Book:** These were displayed and duly signed.
6. **Treasurer's Report:**

Balance at Barclays Bank at the end of January = £5,798.12p  
CBF = £82,968.36p

Carmel reported that thank-you letters had been sent to all Stewardship subscribers together with a statement detailing all their donations for the 2009. Also statements had been sent to regular yellow envelope subscribers. Feedback good so far.

We are now up to date (2009) with our Gift Aid Income Tax reclaim.

The request made to the Town Council for a Grant has resulted in £200 for our Power Point presentation equipment.

£500.00p was sent to the Haiti appeal through Christian Aid.

The Accounts for 2009 are now with the Auditor.

Rachel Thompson asked whether the gift to Chris Terry had been covered by donations and Carmel said almost and the balance was met from Restricted Funds.

Derek said that the Children's Centre will be meeting at St. Andrews on Friday mornings for an initial period of 12 weeks at a rent of £30.00p per week.

#### 7. **Vision for Action.**

- **Little Bears:** due to start in the Chapter House at 2.00pm on Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, weather permitting.
- **Messy Church:** Meeting at Anne's house on a Tuesday evening, 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 7.30pm for anyone who wishes to become involved. A training day will be held on Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> February at Wooton Church at 10.15am, the cost including lunch will be £7.00p. It was decided that we should cover the cost for anyone attending.
- **Churches Together:** A full Report attached hereto.
- **Church Planner:** This was discussed and it was noted that at present it was not working as planned. It was decided that this would take a period of time to succeed. We shall review it again.

8. **Pastoral Care.** Not minuted.

#### 9. **Buildings Sub-Committee.**

**Churchyard wall:** Tony reported that the hole in the Church Wall is 7 Meters long and he had received an estimate from Steve Todd of £2,353.00p with VAT. It is possible that we will be able to reclaim VAT. Tony Proposed that this be accepted and the work should go ahead. Derek Seconded this and it was unanimously agreed. Jenny was requested to write to Steve Todd.

**General repairs:** David reported that there will be a carpenter on site at both churches on Saturday am to carry out numerous outstanding repair jobs.

**Chapter House Roof:** On the subject of the Chapter House Roof David has had a meeting with Pam Ward who is a very knowledgeable Architect and she can see no problem with using stainless steel. Pam is very keen to supply technical advice.

**New mowers:** Martin Butler had sent in three quotes for new motor mowers for use in the churchyard. Tony Proposed and Wendy Seconded that Martin should have permission to spend up to £1,200.00p. It was unanimously agreed.

**St. Andrews Notice Board:** Difficulty has been experienced in securing notices. David agreed to look into this.

**Bell inspections:** Michael reported that three prestigious Bell companies are shortly going to examine our Bells and report back to us.

**Church boiler:** There was a brief discussion on the state of the Church Boiler and its eventual replacement. No decision was made.

10. **APCM Agenda:** It was accepted as set out in the PCC Agenda
11. **Remaining PCC Dates for 2010:** Accepted as set out noting the change to **14<sup>th</sup> June**. All meetings will be at 7.30pm
12. **Deanery Synod Report:** Jenny read a letter from Judith Calvert on the subject of the proposed union of Ampthill and Shefford Deaneries. This answered our question about manpower resources but not about getting extra parochial help. Michael reported that the formal consultation was being put through to the Bishop without having agreed the new name for the Deanery. An email had been sent to the Diocese about this. "Greensand Deanery" is the suggested new name.
13. **Use of Old School:** At present we do not have a need to use the old school but it is important that the Old School Committee are aware of our statutory right under a covenant by Act of Parliament to use the school premises whenever the need arises taking into account their use of the building. After our AGM Jenny will write to the committee explaining the position so that we are seen to be actively keeping them aware of the legal position.
14. **Radio Microphones:** Michael said that he had investigated if we would be affected by the Government's proposal to sell off certain radio channels and rang DM Music who installed our equipment some years ago. We should not be affected as the channels provided for our equipment are free ones and that we only have two radio microphones.
15. **Any Other Business:**
  - **Child Protection update:** Rachel Jones reported that the Church's Child Protection Advisory Service has been appointed by the Diocese to take on CRB applications. There will be a charge of £3.00 + VAT for this service and £4.50p if we complete any application incorrectly. We will be registered as member and receive a Membership Pack and Rachel has already sent her details to set this in motion to the Bishop of Bedford's secretary, Nikki Darwood.
  - **Confirmation 2010:** Michael requested a Rota for PCC members to assist him with Confirmation classes at the Vicarage for child protection reasons. This was agreed and a Rota will be sent out seeking volunteers.

There being no other business the meeting closed with Said Grace at 9.30pm.