

St Bartholomew's Church Great Gransden

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PCC FABRIC AND FINANCE 16 MARCH 2016

Present: The Reverend Catharine Furlong, Rob Chignell, Andrew Fogg, Rachel Fogg, Donald Lester, Iain Strath, Jennifer Wilkinson

Apologies: Tony Bevens, and Andy Greaves

The Reverend Catharine Furlong welcomed everybody and opened the meeting with prayers.

1 Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 18 July 2015

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed as a correct record, with the addition to 4(b) "in aid of the Anglican mission agency 'US.' (formerly USPG) in Cidade de Deus, Rio de Janeiro".

Matters Arising

- (a) The donation of £50 to support the appeal to establish a training centre at Stretham near Ely had now been made.
- (b) A second estimate for the renovation of the churchwarden's chest had been sought and was still awaited.

Action: Rachel Fogg

- (c) The beanbags in the children's play area in church had been removed and Catharine had spoken to families about worshipping together.
- (d) Thanks were extended to those who had organised the farewell gathering for Victor Hughes.
- (e) New representatives to the Mission and Outreach committee had been appointed: Christine Badcock (Waresley) and Philip Soar (Abbotsley).

2 Treasurer's Report

- (a) A written report was presented by Andrew Fogg, a copy of which is on file.

The current account balance was £3426 and all income for the Quinquennial works had been received. Funds were in hand for the first CHCT loan repayments.

The charitable payments to US and Mind had been made in 2015.

It was agreed unanimously that these donations of £400 should be repeated in 2016.

Action: Andrew Fogg

It was agreed that the Annual accounts could be circulated electronically and approved by the PCC before the APCM, if there were no objections.

- (b) The PCC recorded their grateful thanks to Andrew Fogg for his report.

4 Fundraising and Donations

It was agreed that a donation of £50 should be made with thanks to Jane Logan, the Assistant Diocesan Secretary who was leaving this office.

Action: Andrew Fogg

5 Fabric Report

- (a) A written report was presented by Rachel Fogg, a copy of which is on file.

Minor Building Works

It was hoped that checking the condition of the lightning conductors on both Little and Great Gransden churches at the same time would make a reduction in the cost.

The north clerestory windows need painting and volunteers are to be sought to undertake this work.

Canon Julian Limentani, our architect will retire at Easter this year.

It was agreed that a sum of £50 be spent on a suitable gift to mark our thanks for his work.

Action: Andrew Fogg

Rachel Fogg and Rob Chignell had met with Stephanie Norris, the new architect for Little Gransden, and recommended that she be appointed our inspecting architect. This was unanimously agreed.

Action: Rachel Fogg

The PCC extended their grateful thanks to Rachel Fogg for her report and the work she had undertaken in overseeing the building works.

(b) Churchwarden's Newsletter

It was agreed that a churchwarden's newsletter produced monthly to update PCC members on parish matters would improve communication between meetings.

Action: Rachel Fogg

6 Church Events and Key Dates

15 May 2.30pm Great Gransden Garden Fete at the Old Rectory to be opened by Jeff Gorton.

To be held in LG Village Hall if wet.

7 Electoral Roll

PCC members were encouraged to approach people and remind them to place their names on the electoral roll.

8 Closer Collaboration with Little Gransden

(a) A written report was presented by Rachel Fogg, a copy of which is on file.

The report recorded the outcome of a meeting between Nick Wareham, Churchwarden of Little Gransden, Rachel Fogg, Churchwarden of Great Gransden and Hugh McCurdy, Archdeacon of Huntingdon and Wisbech.

Their meeting considered whether it was timely to consider formally combining the parishes so that the administrative burden on priest and laity would be reduced and overall efficiency increased so that longer-term sustainability is secured.

A consultation process involving both PCCs and the wider community would be necessary before any decision was made.

The next step for the PCCs would be to commence a discussion about how the parishes could work more efficiently together, one possible outcome being the formation of a combined parish of Great and Little Gransden. The Archdeacon was supportive of a process which would include the PCCs and the Annual meeting of the Parishioners, but also in due course wider groups within the villages.

The PCC agreed that it was timely to commence this discussion and consultation and that the Archdeacon be invited to a public meeting; that this decision be communicated to the other churches in the benefice; and that there should be an item on the APCM agenda for discussion.

(b) People Full Alive

Rachel was to include an item in Roundabout on the diocesan strategy and look to arrange a meeting in the Autumn of this year.

Action: Rachel Fogg

9 Churchwarden and PCC Elections

The search for another churchwarden would be continued.

Rob Chignell and Iain Strath were confirmed in their position as Assistant Churchwardens.

10 Date of the Next Meeting

PCC Fabric & Finance

8 November 2016

7.30pm Barnabas Oley

The meeting closed at 8.45pm with prayers.

Signed

Reverend Catharine Furlong