

St Bartholomew's Church Great Gransden

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PCC FABRIC AND FINANCE 28 MARCH 2017

Present: The Reverend Catharine Furlong, Tony Bevens, George Donovan
Andrew Fogg, Rachel Fogg, Andy Greaves, Jane
Middleton, Iain Strath, Jennifer Wilkinson

Apologies: Guy Davis, Mark Gostick, Donald Lester, and Rob Chignell

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

1 Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 8 November 2016

The minutes of the meeting were approved and signed as a correct record

Matters Arising

- (a) The company to undertake the renovation of the churchwarden's chest had been had been written to in order to progress the work.

Action: Rachel Fogg

- (b) Andrew Fogg informed the meeting that the J & B Brown account was restricted to any purpose associated with the music of the church. His understanding was that a legal document would be required to change the use. The diocesan office was to be contacted to establish whether a change of use would be possible & a discussion with Jenny Capps would also be arranged.

Action: Andrew Fogg

- (d) A commemorative Collection Plate for Victor Hughes was to be made by Victor's brother for use in Great Gransden Church. Sheila George was to be asked when this might be presented.

Action: Iain Strath

- (e) **It was agreed** that the annual donation of £400 to USPG would continue to be made taking into account that the donation would not go directly to Christ the King in Rio de Janeiro.

2 Treasurer's Report

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

- (a) The second payment to the Cambridge Heritage Churches Trust loan of £7500 was to be paid in May.
- (b) The annual accounts were ready to be audited & would be circulated for approval to PCC members before the APCM.
- (c) In the light of future fabric costs, the treasurer highlighted the need for a major fundraising effort.
- (d) Over Easter a consultation had been held with regard to the position of David John, who had been unable to fulfil his responsibilities as organist owing to sickness. Regrettably it was necessary to stop the payments currently being made to him at the end of March 2017.

It was agreed that Andrew Fogg would write to David John regarding the termination of these payments & that Catharine would speak to him with regard to his employment contract.

Action: Andrew Fogg & Catharine Furlong

- (e) The meeting extended their grateful thanks to Jenny Wilkinson for organising the fundraising Swimathon & to Teresa Miller for her FairTrade stall.

The PCC recorded their grateful thanks to Andrew Fogg for his report.

3 Fabric Report

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

- (a) The safe by the churchwarden's chest which was used for donations had been stolen. It was agreed that no claim should be made to the insurance company in the light of the insurance excess & the cost of a replacement. A notice was to be placed on Touchbase, the village Google group, to see if a suitable replacement might be found.

Action: Iain Strath

- (b) The path from the lych-gate to the front door of the church is in bad repair & has recently caused accidents. The Parish Council are responsible for the church yard & the spur path that leads from the lych-gate alongside the church. Contact was to be made with the Diocesan office, which is responsible for the cremated remains area of the churchyard & the clerk to the Parish Council to establish responsibility & whether any assistance could be given to the costs of repair.

4 Church Events and Key Dates

Great Gransden Church Fete 21 May at Old Dixie at 2.30pm. thanks to Sheila & David Prest.

Great Gransden Church 24 June Cambridge Guitar Orchestra Concert arranged by Barney's. Takings to be divided between the church & Barney's.

6 Date of the Next Meeting

PCC Fabric & Finance

20 June 2017

7.30pm Barnabas Oley

The meeting closed at 8.30pm with prayers.

Signed

Reverend Catharine Furlong