

# St Bartholomew's Church Great Gransden

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PCC FABRIC AND FINANCE 20 JUNE 2017

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**Present:** The Reverend Catharine Furlong, Tony Bevens, Rob Chignell,  
Rachel Fogg, Mark Gostick, Donald Lester, Jane Middleton, Iain  
Strath,  
Jennifer Wilkinson

**Apologies:** Andy Greaves

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

### **1 Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 28 March 2017**

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

### **2 Matters Arising**

It was agreed that the commemorative collection plate that had recently been dedicated in memory of Victor Hughes should have a small brass plaque. Sheila George was to be consulted.

**Action: Iain Strath**

### **3 Treasurer's Report**

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

The current account balance was £10,607 but funds were required for the CHCT loan repayment of £5000 over the next two years.

A donation to church funds of £3855 has been received from Frank Kolasky's daughter in Texas, USA in memory of her father who was a member of our church. It was agreed that an appropriate way should be found to commemorate Frank's life.

The charitable payments to US and Mind were to be made in 2017, funds permitting.

**Action: Andrew Fogg**

The treasurer reminded members that in order to cover the cost of the most essential Quinquennial works funds of £20000 would need to be raised.

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

#### **4 Fabric Report**

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

Rachel Fogg was to update the church inventories in preparation for stepping down as churchwarden & to establish if volunteers would fix the turret staircase handrail.

Quotations & a grant were to be requested for the north nave downpipe damp problem along with a condition survey grant for the churchwarden's chest.

Consideration was given to whether a specification should be requested from the architect for the Category A Quinquennial works. Further discussion was to be had with the treasurer who was absent from this meeting.

#### **Action: Rachel Fogg**

The PCC extended their grateful thanks to Rachel Fogg for her report.

#### **5 Deanery Synod Report**

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

The synod meeting received reports from a number of churches.

It was noted that all PCC members would need to be DBS checked & undertake safeguarding training.

A Deanery planning meeting to discuss the future shape of the deanery is to be held on 2 September at Little Paxton.

Arising out of this item members discussed how best to engage church members & the village in considering the future role of the church in the parish. PCC members were invited to meet at 8pm on 21 June at Mark Gostick's house to consider this matter further.

- (b) The PCC recorded their grateful thanks to Rachel Fogg for her report.

#### **6 Churchwardens**

The search for churchwardens 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

14 November 2017

7.30pm Barnabas Oley

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm with prayers.

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**Signed**

**Reverend Catharine Furlong**