

St Bartholomew's Church Great Gransden

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PCC FABRIC AND FINANCE 21 MARCH 2018

Present: Rob Chignell, Tony Bevens, Rachel Fogg,
Andrew Fogg, Jane Middleton, Jennifer Wilkinson, Iain Strath

Apologies: The Reverend Catharine Furlong

Rachel Fogg took the Chair and welcomed everybody and Tony Bevens opened the meeting with prayers.

1 Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 14 November 2017

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

2 Matters Arising

J & B Brown Fund

The treasurer reported that the family of J and B Brown wished the fund to be restricted to the purpose for which it was set up – music in the church.

3 Treasurer's Report

A written report was presented by the Treasurer, Andrew Fogg, a copy of which is on file. The Treasurer reminded members that £5000 was still owed to CHCT and that about £25000 would need to be raised for the category A Quinquennial works. A fundraising initiative was essential to raise this amount of money.

The church had recently donated some £1600 to charities & the Treasurer asked the question as to whether the church should continue to donate to charities when the church finances were under so much pressure.

Following a discussion on charitable giving,

it was agreed :

- **the PCC should defer its donations to charity until the £5000 CHCT loan was cleared**
- **that specific events would be held in order to support USPG & MIND**
- **that the Christmas Eve service collection be put into church funds.**

It was noted with thanks that the recent Swimathon had raised £280 for church funds & charities.

It was also agreed the PCC to invite a quotation for the installation of 4 LEDs to replace the existing four lights in the chancel.

Action: Treasurer

4 Fabric Report

Rob Chignell reported that the path from the lych-gate to the church door had been re-laid. Iain Strath had written to the Parish Council to thank it for its support.

The new noticeboard was now in place & information regarding services & contacts during the interregnum would be displayed.

It was agreed that a plaque acknowledging the bequest left by Frank Kolasky should be placed in the new noticeboard.

Action: Iain Strath

The church architect had been requested to provide a specification for the Quinquennial works.

It was agreed that the PCC should proceed with quotations. It was estimated that about 50% of the necessary work was within the chancel & that this work would possibly be eligible for financial support from Clare College.

The church clock had stopped & was to be examined by the Cumbria Clock Company.

Action: Rob Chignell

5 Deanery and Diocesan Synod

Rachel Fogg reported that the Deanery Treasurer may request extra donations towards a Ministry Share shortfall of £4800 & that there would be no capitation charge for the rural deanery.

It was noted that safeguarding & development action plans should be included on the APCM agenda.

6 Data Protection Legislation

New legislation was to be introduced from May 2018. Rachel Fogg was to complete the GDPR checklist & forward it to Iain Strath. A Data Privacy notice would need to be produced for the church & it was essential that key office holders were familiar with the policy & the practice required of them. This would include the Electoral Roll Officer, the Treasurer, Sunday School leader, Choir leader & the Baptism Roll officer.

Action: Rachel Fogg & Iain Strath

7 Church Events and Key Dates

Arrangements for Catharine Furlong's final service & celebration lunch on 15 April were discussed.

The Church Fete was to be held at the Old Vicarage on 20 May.

8 PCC Membership

It was agreed we should add more members to the PCC & several names of people who would strengthen the membership were suggested.

9 Date of the Next Meeting

PCC Fabric & Finance	13 June 2018	7.30pm	Barnabas Oley
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The meeting closed at 8:45 pm with prayers.

Signed