

**Minutes of Little Gransden PCC held Tuesday 6 October 2015: 7:30pm  
at 15 Church Walk, Little Gransden**

**Present:** Nick Wareham (Acting Chair), Betty Bates, Sheila George, Suzanne Lawrence, Donald Lester, Ian Ramsay (Treasurer), Stephen Sullivan (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Received from Janice Brown, Rev. Catharine Furlong.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30 June 2015 were read, accepted and signed.

**Matters Arising**

Nick Wareham has written to Stephanie Norris from Purcell, who has accepted the appointment as Architect. He has notified Jane Logan of the appointment.

The Policy Documents now appear on the Church website.

A Risk Assessment has been drawn up for the forthcoming Bazaar.

**Treasurer's Report**

Donald Lester and Ian Ramsay have not yet completed the handover of the post of Treasurer. They will need at least one further meeting, and the mandate form has not yet been received from Barclays. **Action Donald Lester**, who will chase this up.

It is intended that we should have Ian Ramsay (in his position of Treasurer) as the "operator" of the account with CCLA, the other two signatories being the two Churchwardens, Sheila George and Nick Wareham. The same will apply for our account with Barclays. This decision was unanimously agreed by the Meeting - proposed by Sheila George, seconded by Suzanne Lawrence.

Ian and Donald propose to double the amount of Miss Pickard's Fund that is in our CCLA Investment Fund by moving money from the Current Account. The final payment from Miss Pickard's executors will be received next year.

The arrangements for the Deanery Share are likely to change next year. Previously there has been a percentage increase to the existing arrangements, but the new Deanery Treasurer may make changes, and the Treasurers for the four parishes will meet to discuss things. We can afford a 1.5% increase in our present figure (£9284) but we do not see a rationale for paying more.

Our revenue for this year (exceptionally) has been over £100,000 and it will therefore not be possible for Shirley Gillett to act as our independent examiner. **Action Nick Wareham** who will ask Joe Ward (who has the appropriate qualification) to audit the accounts. **Action Donald Lester** who will convey our thanks to Shirley.

There are still outstanding costs on the restoration fund; we still have to pay a £425 retention to Cambridge Stonecraft.

**Fabric Report**

Shona McKay will be visiting this week for a final inspection of the stonework. The SmartWater marking of the rainwater goods will be done once these have been painted.

We propose to have a preliminary meeting with Stephanie Norris with a view towards asking her for a feasibility report on how the Pickard Fund might be used. The next Quinquennial inspection is due in 2017 and will of course specify restoration works that are needed with various degrees of urgency. It cannot however be brought forwards from 2017.

**Health and Safety**

The revised Health & Safety Policy was approved by the Meeting. Proposed by Betty Bates, seconded by Donald Lester. The names and addresses of the various contractors who undertake the inspections would be added.

**Fund Raising**

Sheila George and Suzanne Lawrence were thanked for their work on the Cream Teas, which raised a total of £807.25 for various causes.

The Bazaar will be held on 7 November at the Village Hall, opening at 2.30pm. Previously the Bazaar has been specifically for the Restoration Fund; on this occasion any profit will go to the General Funds.

**Any Other Business**

There was some discussion about the number and the scheduling of PCC meetings, including Joint meetings, sub-committee meetings and Churchwardens' meetings.

There would be an Archdeacon's meeting at Little Paxton on 20 October which would deal with some of the further implications of the Ely 2025 initiative.

**Date of Next Meetings:**

**Tuesday 12 January 2016:** Joint PCC Mission & Ministry meeting at Barnabas Oley School.

**Tuesday 8 March 2016:** LGPCC Fabric & Finance meeting at 2 Main Road, LG (Courtesy of Alison & Nick Wareham)

There being no further business, the Meeting closed with the Grace at 9.35pm.

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