

Minutes of PCC Meeting, 28th. May 2015

7pm Communion at St. Michael's

7.30pm Tom welcomed everyone

Apologies Bill and Avril Pattinson

Attendance:- Chris Heaven	George Hexter
Richard Barnes	Hilary Francis
Hilary Todd	Roger Beer
Richard Parker	Dave Allin
Stephanie Aplin	Lizzy Hewitt
Adrian Hewitt	Mary Kirkland
Tom Honey	

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It was noted that Steph Hills appears as attending, when it was Stephanie Aplin.

The organ project should read 'almost complete'.

The minutes were proposed by Dave Allin  
seconded by Adrian Hewitt

Tom signed off the minutes

### **Readers Licences**

The committee was asked to declare their willingness to renew the readers licences for Bill Pattinson and Ian Cartwright.

Chris Heaven proposed  
Stephanie Aplin seconded.

### **Safeguarding**

Tom informed everyone that an interview has occurred. A DBS check needs to be completed before presenting it to the PCC at the next meeting.

**Health and Safety This needs to be on the PCC agenda regularly, as failure to do so could affect the insurance cover to both churches.**

St. David's - there is a building committee which reviews the policy annually. A report is made to St. David's Committee.  
The only item that has arisen is the lowering of the font cover.

St. Michael's - No officer is in place at present. It was agreed that this will be taken to the next DCC meeting on 8th. July.

### **Parish Fete**

This will take place on 4th, July 11.30 - 2pm. St. Michael's will man 3 tables. A reminder to the congregation will be given out during the Sunday service asking for books, cakes etc.  
It is hoped we will exceed £2,000 this year.  
Fliers will be put in both churches.

### **St. Michael's Finance Report**

Adrian set out the details shown in his report. Outgoings continue to exceed income. It was noted that possibly utility bills for November and December were paid in 2015 which affects the true figures.  
It was noted that if the level of insurance is increased from 4%, the finances would be notably negatively affected.  
It was reported that at the last DCC meeting, the committee formally approved Adrian highlighting giving needs at St. Michael's.  
There will be a stewardship campaign in the autumn. The Parish Resources Officer will come to preach. A booklet is to go out about this.  
Dave reminded St. Michael's of the need to claim tax back promptly, so that the closing date was not missed - it is 12 months from the invoice date.

### **St. David's Finance Report**

See report from Barbara Allin.  
It was noted that regular giving has gone down and we need to remind the congregation regularly that the church needs sustained giving.  
Wreford's Close - There is £10,381 in the account.

## **St. Michael's Fabric Report**

- a) **Roof repair** - the government is offering grants form drain and roof repairs. The faculty application for a grant needs to be approved by the PCC.

Down pipes will be moved to channel water to the ground. Overflow 'gargoyles' will be installed to channel water appropriately.

There is evidence of water infiltration in the church. £5,000 will be raised by the church and the rest will come from the grant.

Richard Parker proposed that the PCC approve the roof repair project, and agree that St. Michael's should seek a faculty for the work to be undertaken.

Richard Barnes - seconded.

Unanimous agreement.

- b) A **Notice board** - An information board is to be placed on the boundary wall of the church. This is the final part of the organ project. It will explain the history of Mt. Dinham and the church. The PCC was asked to approve the faculty application for the information board.

Richard Parker proposed

Dave Allin - seconded.

Unanimous approval.

It was suggested that we apply for a sign directing towards St. Michael's from St. David's Hill.

Dave Allin will contact RAMM on behalf of both churches.

## **St. David's Fabric Report**

We are waiting for the faculty for the gates.

Lightening conductor test has occurred.

There are some problems with the lights over the organ and in the nave.

There are no more bulbs available to replace them.

Salt patches have appeared on the north side end wall of the chancel. This occurs where the external path is above the damp proof course. This problem will be addressed when the transformation project goes ahead.

## **Transformation Project**

See Dave's Report.

Annex 1 - The cost can be reduced by some work being done by ourselves and through fundraising.

Annex 2 - The £278,000 is only enough for repairs, not to reconfigure.

Decision - Do we carry on with the project? This needs to be returned to at the next meeting. It will be the PCC's decision if the accounts are not viable.

The tenders will be back by the beginning of August which will show if the finances are viable. Do we then proceed in phases after applying for further grants?

Dave does have other possibilities for grant applications, but will need help to complete applications as there is a lot of work involved.

There will be difficulties in continuing with worship during the work, for weekday services, as the noise from the work will intrude, and wheel chair access will be affected during the work. It could reduce the costs by closing completely for a short period, which needs to be considered.

St. Michael's invited St. David's to use the church for weekday services.

### **Future Meetings**

The dates are:- 9th. September  
2nd. December  
9th. March 2016  
all Wednesdays.

### **Any Other Business**

Richard Barnes highlighted the vacancy on the Deanery Synod for St. David's and St. Michael's. We need a rep to take our voice to meetings. The appointment is for 3 years and there are usually 5 meetings per year.

Richard Parker asked if a spare cope from St. Michael's could be given to Andy Atkins, as he needs vestments.

At the APCM, George Hexter's re-appointment was raised. The form was completed. Chris Heaven proposed, Stephanie Aplin seconded.

Tom proposed the increase in fees for weddings. It was agreed by the PCC to revise the fees.

St. Michael's need to have the PCC's approval for the fees for weddings charged.

**Date of next meeting:- Wednesday, 9th. September 2015**