

St Mary the Virgin, Welling, Parochial Church Council

Agenda for meeting, 21st January 2010

The meeting will take place in the Chapel of St Thomas of Canterbury, St Mary's Church, and will begin with Mass at 7.45pm

1. Apologies for absence

Mass

2. Minutes of the last meeting

3. Vacancy of incumbency

4. Items for any other urgent business

5. Matters arising

6. Correspondence

7. Reports: Deanery Synod
 Churches Together in Welling
 Properties
 Hall
 Finance
 Social
 Welcare
 Bazaar
 Funday
 Youth Church

8. Dates of committee meetings

9. Any other urgent business

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Churchwarden

Minutes of PCC meeting, 19th November 2009

Present: Eric Seers, Paul Shaw, Betty Lillie, Rev Sharon Greenwood, Pam Davies, Mike Dykes, Pat Roche, Christopher Bailey, Adrian Buckenham

The meeting began with Mass at 7.45 pm.

1. **Apologies for absence:** received from Michelle Gregory, Yvette McCormack, Gavin Jackman, Barbara Foster

2. **Minutes of last meeting:** These were agreed and signed.

3. **Vacancy:**

The advertisement for a new vicar has now gone into the *Church Times*, it is also on the diocesan monthly *Noticeboard*. Interviewing is to take place at the end of January (25th-26th). A letter was received re the appointment process, indicating the involvement of the Bishop of Woolwich, taking the role of the diocesan in the process.

4. **Matters arising:**

a. The quotation from Wallpaintings Workshop was proposed for acceptance, on both the internal and external works, it was suggested that a possible cost saving might be pursued re scaffolding if both works were carried out at once. This was proposed. Paul, sec. Eric **agreed** unanimously

b. Dryden road was now occupied.

c. On the external recreation area, the area had now been approved and the plans now needed to be reviewed for approval.

d. The missing cheque for £270 had been found by Gavin. In the past cheques had often been left in the drawer. Any cheque for a significant amount should go to one of the churchwardens.

e. On the bottletops, a quotation was being sought from a courier service and the matter would then be referred to the congregation.

5. **Correspondence.**

a. A fresh appeal had been made by the Players for the re-erection of the lighting brackets. In the light of previous discussions and decisions of the PCC, it was **agreed** that this be rejected and that the Players be written to formally to be informed of this. The letter also raised the issue of access to the stage made difficult due to the use of a cupboard by the pre-school group. It was pointed out that the cupboard was hired by the Pre-School, and that access would need to be negotiated by the players. Gavin noted that the Pre-School might be offered temporary storage in upper cupboards for the duration of the production.

- b. Two letters had been drafted to relevant organisations dealing with health and safety matter relating to the hall
- c. A letter had been received from the diocese relating to the vacancy which needed to be acknowledged.
- d. The correspondence from the Giving Committee could now go straight to the PCC Secretary. Ray Viney had compiled a report on its running.
6. **Deanery Synod.** Meeting cancelled.
7. **Churches Together in Welling.** Meeting to be held that evening.
8. **Properties.** The matters of Dryden Road and the Feibusch had already been discussed.
9. **Hall.**
- a. Committee had met. The rent review re hall users was now due. It was suggested that the committee not raise charges, but review the matter after 6 months, or on the increase of utility bills. This was prop. Eric, sec. Pam **agreed** unanimously.
- b. The matter was raised of the fundraising lunch, which had been disrupted by the oven overloading the lighting system. Kitchen refurbishment had been carried out as recently as 2007. Apologies were offered to Betty Lillie. With regard to the urn in the kitchen, it should not be carried and emptied whilst still hot. A notice needed to be placed in the kitchen and on the coffee rota to this effect. The opinion was expressed that it would be too expensive to have a boiler providing continuous hot water.
10. **Finance.** Needs to meet. The matter of the count at the end of the service needed to be reviewed. The Fairtrade items had all been acquired by the church, there was no profit. The cheques re Posada and Church Army had been sent.
11. **Social.** A successful harvest lunch was held.
12. **Welcare.** Meet in a fortnight.
16. **Bazaar.** Planning for next year was going ahead. There had been some objection to the church being used for the serving of food. The health and safety implications of the layout were to be explored.
17. **Funday.** Have met once, 19th June.
18. **Youth Church.** Are to be added as a permanent item on the PCC agenda. There were now 9 on the committee, and there were now sufficient leaders and volunteers for 3 Sunday groups. A prayer group also had been set up. No provision had been made yet for over-16s and this was to be pursued. Rev Sharon expressed concerns about the spiritual, pastoral, educational, and health and safety needs of the groups, leaders were not always available, and there was a very diverse age group. Prayers were needed for the group.

19. Any other business.

a. East Wickham School carol concert, 17 Dec. No charge.

b. The matter of persons frequently unable to attend PCC meetings was raised. It was noted that this reflected the very heavy and varied work and other commitments typical of society today.

c. The issue of rota for the next six months was raised. The APCM was 21st March. The bishop was invited for the Palm Sunday service.

The meeting concluded.

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