

St. Peter's Church, Shorwell
Minutes of PCC Meeting held on 8th July 2015

Present: Steve Sutcliffe (licensed lay minister), Brenda Rowe, Yvonne Willoughby, Roy Carter Jones, Jill Downer, Christine Pain, Mary Tester, and Yvonne Hide.

Apologies for absence were received from Revd Helen O'Sullivan, Jill Thomas, and Jan White.

1. Brenda (chairman) opened the meeting with prayer.
The meeting recalled with sadness the recent death of Jill Jackman, a PCC member. Yvonne H. said a brief prayer for her family and friends. Jill D. suggested sending flowers, with a message of condolence, to her son Cris and his family on behalf of the PCC. Yvonne H. will arrange this.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as correct and signed by Steve Sutcliffe.
3. Matters Arising
 - Treasurer. Peter Savory is unable to take up this post again. Steve has someone else in mind to ask.
 - Collection boxes, Yvonne W. and Christine recently emptied them of a large amount of money, which has yet to be counted. They will need emptying every few weeks.
 - Gift Aid. Michael Blee is willing to continue calculating the income from GA donations.
 - Cemetery land -- discussion continues.
4. Treasurer's Report (given by Yvonne W.)
There was £6836-76 in the current account at the end of June.
The work on the church spire and the scaffolding has been paid.
Insurance contributed £9000
Spire – initial payment £2502
 -- final " £9877-20.
Scaffolding -- £4200 Total cost to church £16,579-20.
Bucketts charged £480 for erecting and removing a safety fence around the base of the tower. All agreed this was a very large sum for the amount of work involved

5. Deanery Synod Report

At the Joint Deanery Synod meeting at the Minster on 27.5.15, the Archdeacon spoke at length about updates to the I.W. plan "Living Together" and its relation to the Lent Course 2015.

Each area cluster then met for group discussion about activities and problems in their area.

W.W. area cluster discussed Shorwell's "Moot", Bible Society's "Open the Book" initiative (which is very popular in local schools) and duplicating the work of "Churches Together".

After discussion in groups, the two Deanery Synods voted separately on the motion: "East / West Wight Deanery Synod request that the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee proceed with a Section 17 Order in respect of the formation of one deanery for the Isle of Wight".

The motion was carried by both sides, with none against and one abstention.

The Archdeacon indicated that PCC members may be asked to vote on the same motion at a later date.

6. Lay Minister's Report.

The "Moot" continues to thrive, occasionally having had to meet at NorthCourt or in church, when the parish hall was pre-booked by the football team. The hall committee has now arranged that all future matches on a 3rd Sunday will be away fixtures, leaving the hall free for the "Moot".

Yvonne H. will write to thank Tony Scotcher (chairman) for securing this arrangement and also John and Christine Harrison for the use of NorthCourt.

The next "Moot" is to be a BBQ for the whole village, organized by Steve, in the vicarage garden on 19.7.15 from 12.30 to 4pm..

Detailed arrangements were discussed.

Pilgrim Course. This has been discontinued. It is now realised this was not the time to hold it. Some other CofE accredited course for adults may be considered in future. PCC members were interested in a course with information about other faiths

Youth Work. Steve described 2 newly appointed, talented, young youth workers, based mainly in Brighstone and the school.

The weekly Friday meeting in the vicarage is doing extremely well and growing. Attendance of 12 -15 may soon mean transferring to the parish hall. A programme of fun events, with no religion, is planned for younger people under 13 and for older members, a course of teaching involving the recent confirmation candidates.

Shorwell Newsletter. Steve circulated a proof copy of the latest edition. All comments were positive.

7. Flower Festival.
Theme: "Saints and Festivals".
Steve's idea of involving the community has been successfully discussed with Marian Challoner and Ann Jones.
Barbara Cram and Carole Lambert have been recruited to help.
Steve and Ann are arranging the Praise Service.
There is a meeting in the church to discuss details on 21.7.15 at 7pm.

Priory Flower Festival from 6th to 8th August 2015.
Jill D. has agreed to do an arrangement on behalf of St. Peter's.
PCC members contributed towards the cost of flowers.
8. Correspondence – none.
9. Any Other Business.
 - Safeguarding Policy Forms. These were not completed. Angela Russell has already posted one, for the benefice, on the notice board in the porch.
 - Church Bells' Report. This was briefly discussed. Two more quotations are needed for the work that needs to be done. Steve will discuss this with Cal Challoner (tower captain).
 - Change of PCC meeting dates. Brenda cannot attend meetings on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays because of other commitments. Future PCC meetings will be on 21st October 2015, 2nd December 2015 and 3rd February 2016.
10. Steve closed the meeting with all saying the Grace together at 8.30pm.

N.B. Next JPCC Meeting 17th September 2015.

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