

St. Peter's Church, Shorwell

Minutes of PCC Meeting held on 29th April 2015

Present: Revd Helen O'Sullivan, Stephen Sutcliffe (lay minister), Roy Carter Jones, Yvonne Willoughby, Brenda Rowe, Janet White, Jill Thomas Christine Pain, Jill Downer, Mary Tester and Yvonne Hide.

Absent: Jill Jackman (in hospital)

1. Helen opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed Yvonne Willoughby and Jill Thomas as new members of the PCC and Jill Downer, Christine Pain and Mary Tester as newly co-opted members.
2. The minutes of the last meeting were signed with one correction.
3. Matters arising.
 - Church spire. The repair of the spire has been completed for just under £10,000 and the cockerel weather vane gilded. Scaffolding costs an extra £4200.
 - £6000 has not yet been transferred from the CCLA deposit account to the PCC Lloyds account. Helen and Yvonne W. are arranging this.
 - Lectern. After general discussion, the PCC decided to continue using the reading desk for services and to have the microphone moved. The lectern will remain in the side chapel and services held there when the congregation is very small.
 - A joint service will be held on Christian Aid Sunday (10.5.15) at the Methodist Chapel.
 - Bells. There has been no response to a request for information about a recent survey of the bells
4. Appointment of Lay Chairman, Hon. Secretary and Hon. Treasurer. Helen suggested Brenda as Lay Chairman and this was agreed unanimously. Yvonne H. agreed to continue as Secretary. No one was appointed Treasurer but Steve will see if Peter Savory is willing to serve again.

Other duties include:
Jill D. and Christine to compile a Readers' and Side-persons' Rota.
Christine and Yvonne W. to empty collection boxes.
Jill T. and Jan to co-ordinate events.
Yvonne H. to be responsible for the Articles of Presentation to the Archdeacon.
Flower Festival. Steve suggested inviting local organizations and charities to contribute their own flower arrangements (like the Christmas Tree Festival) and so involve the wider community.

5. **Treasurer's Report**
A provisional statement of accounts is on file.
Michael Blee calculates income from Gift Aid donations and Jill D. will ask if he will continue to do this.
Planned giving involves 18 people, the aim is to add another 10+.
Churchyard maintenance costs are much higher than income (parish council under no obligation to contribute).
Annual deficit approximately £6000.
Church repairs outstanding include: a window near the south door, mullions on the tower and general re-pointing.
6. **Stewardship Campaign**
To be launched through the next Newsletter, which is distributed to every house in the parish. A fundraising evening was suggested and a co-ordinator to be appointed.
7. **Election of Diocesan Synod Representative**
Members were informed about the forthcoming election on 8.6.15.
No candidate was nominated.
8. **Correspondence**
A letter from Mrs. Julia Bunker (Denis Russell's sister) with a cheque for £1000 specifically for the upkeep of the cemetery where her relatives are buried.
The latest IDWAL Newsletter is in the church.
9. **Any other business**
 - Cemetery. There is on-going discussion about the possible gift of land to the parish.
 - Jan had information and costing for a patented W.C. (Sani-flow) which will be considered when the kitchen/W.C. project is planned.
 - The Moot will continue on 3rd Sunday mornings, the preferred time, as shown by a vote taken at the last meeting on a Saturday afternoon.
 - Trinity Sunday (31.5.15). A joint service of Holy Communion at 10.30am in St. Peter's for the whole benefice.
 - Feast of St. James. A service to be held at Kingston on the last Sunday of July every year.
10. Helen closed the meeting with prayer and saying the Grace together at 8.25pm.