

## St. Peter's Church, Shorwell

### Minutes of a PCC Meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at Moor Cottage, Fine Lane, Shorwell.

Present: Revd Linda Bushell, Charlie Warne, Ann Jones, Roy Carter Jones, Jill Downer, Laura Humphrys, Mary Tester, Jill Thomas, Yvonne Willoughby and Yvonne Hide.  
An apology for absence was received from Barbara Cram.

1. Linda opened the meeting with prayer.
2. Charlie signed the minutes after a correction was made under item no.9, "Any other business", which now reads: "Charlie reported Southern Water would charge £336 to fit a new meter and stopcock."
3. Matters arising:  
Kitchen project. Eric Filder has left £3000 in his will towards the project, which will be transferred from the PCC current account to the Fabric Fund. Christopher Price's floor plan of the kitchen/toilet area (PCC meeting on 7.2.17) was discussed. It was suggested more space would be created by removing the inner door to the robe-hanging area. With this in mind, Jill Downer proposed, seconded by Roy, that the plan be accepted. All agreed.  
Cemetery seat. Charlie passed round a photograph of a wooden bench-seat which the family of Vera Pitman wished to give Shorwell cemetery in her memory. Everyone approved the seat and Ann proposed accepting it, seconded by Jill Thomas.  
Water rebate. Southern Water will not reimburse the standing quarterly charge we have been paying for about 2 years.  
Microphone at The Moot. Jill Downer will check if one is available.
4. Appointment of Lay chairman, Hon. Treasurer and Hon. Secretary.  
Ann proposed, seconded by Jill Thomas, that Charlie should continue as lay chairman. Everyone agreed.  
Yvonne Willoughby was appointed treasurer and Laura assistant treasurer Proposed by Jill Downer, seconded by Mary and agreed by all.  
Yvonne Hide agreed to continue as secretary.
5. Minister's Report.  
Memorial in Kingston cemetery. There are 3 Public Notices displayed at St. Peter's and Kingston inviting objections to this memorial stone. Discussion showed several people in the PCC and congregation are against having a Buddhist mantra on the stone. Linda made it clear that only those who had abstained or voted against it at the meeting on 24.7.16 were free to object. Several intended doing so.

5. Minister's Report (contd.)  
 Thy Kingdom Come. Linda plans to go to the drop-in session, at the Cathedral on 20.5.17, to let Bishop Christopher know our church's plans for the 10 days of prayer from Ascension to Pentecost.  
 Linda demonstrated a resource illustrating sentences from the Lord's Prayer which the meeting decided to use in stations around the church as our contribution to the 10 days.

6. Treasurer's Report.  
 Yvonne W. is to continue with the practical tasks of counting collections, banking money, etc..  
 Laura was welcomed as assistant treasurer to help with spreadsheets and the internet.

Current account - to end of April 2017 £6,272.80  
 Deposit account " £12,436.65.

Shared ministry costs were paid in January.  
 Parish council and Moot costs have yet to be paid.

Income (since last PCC)		Outgoings	
collections x 5	£479.87	tree work	
church boxes	£80.19	(Nigel Early)	£420.00
cemetery fund	£60.00	grass cutting	
mugs/tea towels	£66.00	(M. Roberts)	£162.00
	Total £686.06		Total £582.00

In hand £104.06

Laura suggested writing to Victoria James about obtaining interest from the Mew Trust for the upkeep of Kingston cemetery. This was proposed by Mary and seconded by Ann. Everyone agreed.

7. Parish Giving Scheme.  
 More details are needed before starting the scheme.  
 It was suggested people on the electoral roll should be invited to join.  
 Members who usually contributed to the church by cheque were assured they could continue to do so, using the Gift Aid envelopes as usual.

8. Safeguarding.

Linda read out the safeguarding policy which was then signed by all PCC members.

The DBS status of people involved in various church activities, e.g. youth work and bell ringing was checked (renewable every 5 years).

Angela Russell has been safeguarding representative for the whole benefice.

Jill Thomas agreed to take over as Shorwell's representative.

Safeguarding Policy Statement forms were completed in triplicate for the church notice board, the Diocesan Safeguarding Administrator and for filing.

9. Flower Festival.

A meeting for all those involved is arranged for Tuesday, 23.5.17 at 2.30pm in the church. Jill Downer proposed there should be no bell ringing during the festival so that the area under the bell tower could be used. This was seconded

by Charlie and agreed by all except Mary who abstained.

10. Correspondence.

By post: Latin Link Spring Magazine and a letter thanking us for our support during the past year.

Letter from the Diocesan Registrar regarding the proposed non-conforming memorial stone in Kingston cemetery and 3 Public Notices for display inviting objections to the stone.

By email: Notice of An Evening with Revd Ruth Tuschling to promote LifeLines at the Minster on 18.5.17 from 7.00 to 9.00pm.

Thy Kingdom Come: notice of a drop-in session at the Cathedral on 20.5.17 from 11.00am to 4.00pm to tell Bishop Christopher our plans for the 10 days of prayer.

Information about 5 break-in attempts at 4 mainland churches.

Notice of a Pentecost Prayer and Praise service to celebrate 25 years of the hospital chaplaincy to be held on 4.6.17 at 3.30pm in the Full Circle Restaurant at St. Mary's.

The benefice's proposals for the Thy Kingdom Come Global Prayer initiative on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017.

A warning not to open an email attachment with a link to an invoice from "Diocesan Staff".

11. Any other business:

- PCC minutes. A draft copy is to be displayed on the notice board in the church after each meeting.
- The wooden collecting box under the wall painting was broken into again a week ago. A parish counsellor (who lives in Yafford) has kindly repaired it with an internal steel plate. Charlie is hoping to replace the locks on the wooden boxes in the cross aisle.
- Welcome leaflet. Charlie produced a list (on file) of more than 30 items, compiled by a parish counsellor, to consider for inclusion in a proposed welcome leaflet for newcomers to the village. This will be discussed at the next PCC meeting.
- Bell ringing at weddings. Couples arrange this directly with the tower captain. The parish administrator is not involved.
- Bible Sunday – for consideration at the next meeting.

12. The meeting closed with saying The Grace together at 12.50pm.

Next PCC Meeting: Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at Moor Cottage, Fine Lane, Shorwell at 10.30am.