



LYMINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday July 11th 2019 at 7:30 at
St Thomas Church, Lymington

Present: Andrew Payne, Bronwen Bridges, Ray Shepherd), Sylvia Pepin, Will Clarke, Malcolm Ward, Malcolm Haigh, Jane Cook, Daphne Johnstone, Sarah Bunce, Maureen Harris (Churchwarden), David Bridges (Churchwarden), Peter Salisbury (Vicar), Mary Hill (Sec.) Observer: Jonathan Cook	
1	Welcome and prayer: The Vicar welcomed everyone and opened the evening with prayer.
2	Apologies for absence: Barbara Clapper, Celia Swan Michael Standage, Bill Gulland, Kay Pead
3	AOB: There were no proposals for AOB
4	Minutes: The minutes of the meeting on 9 May were approved and signed by the Vicar. Matters arising:
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Church lighting: Ways of accessing the lights, especially those on the roof of the gallery, are still being explored. • The NZ Peace Flag is now installed in the church along with explanatory notes.
6	PCC Matters Maureen Harris was warmly welcomed as Churchwarden. She said that she had enjoyed her induction ceremony at St James Church in Alresford and was looking forward to her new role Trustee Eligibility Forms were signed by all PCC members present.
7	Chairman's report: Peter gave an update on changes at Lymington Infants School <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current Head, Julia Addison is leaving at the end of this term to go to a new post as Head of a Primary School nearer her home in Southampton. Peter said that she had been an excellent Head and will be missed. MH was asked to write a card on behalf of the Church enclosing a gift of Force Four vouchers. The recruitment process for a new Head is now in process. The Deputy Head, Julia Morris, will be Acting Head until a new Head is appointed. • Peter also thanked Glenys Fox, who is leaving the School after ten years as a Governor • Peter proposed Jacquie Stoneham as a new Governor of the School. This was agreed unanimously.
8	Finance Report: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Andy Payne has agreed to be Treasurer, with the support of the Finance Committee, when Paul Fox stands down in August. He was proposed by Malcolm Ward and seconded by David Bridges and elected unanimously. Thanks were recorded to Paul Fox for his services. • The First Quarter Management Accounts show a surplus of £1,494 against a budgeted deficit of -£694. This was largely due to increased revenue from Hall bookings even though cash collections were down. There was a general discussion as to the possibility of making card donations instead of cash but no decision was made. Overall there were no great surprises and finances were on target.

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Mechanism for Responding to Funding:

- David introduced his proposal for a line in the budget for “unplanned giving” since he felt that it was difficult for a member of the congregation to apply for Christian-based funding outside the regular “planned giving”. If there were to be a surplus at the end of the year, this would be added to the regular funded charities. There were several questions about the proposed scheme (e.g. Who would administer it? Would there be a limit on requests? Would this encourage people to ask for money for particular charities? Would there be guidelines for requests?) and concerns about budgeting for unknown amounts.
- There was a general feeling that there was a need to be more transparent about how money for charities was allocated and that the congregation should be made more aware of the application process.
- It was decided that the Finance Committee would look at the idea in more detail and report back to the PCC

Wills for Free

- It was agreed that the Church would pay the increased fee for this programme and that Gill would be asked to make the information about the scheme available.

Buildings and Land Report

a) The Courtyard Plans

David reported that one quote of £35,000 had been received for the stone paving. This did not include the other items in the plan i.e. the seat, arbour, plantings etc. They were waiting for the two other quotes but, since the spiral design meant that stones had to be individually cut, the cost was going to be high. The PCC then debated whether it should agree an increased budget of £50,000 to £60,000 for this project. The following questions were debated:

- How do we value this space?
- Who will use the space? (Toddlers, Vistas Café etc.)
- Will it last and be pleasing to the eye?
- Does it reflect the Christian story?
- Are we prepared to spend this amount of money?
- Would the congregation think that this is a suitable use of funds?

The PCC was divided on whether the budget for the project should be increased.

It was therefore agreed that the plans should be looked at again to see if there was a compromise in the design that would be cheaper to build.

Thanks were given to the people who had been involved in the project.

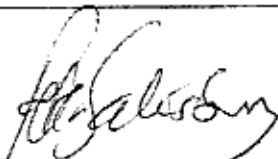
b) All Saints and Tops Nursery

Jonathan Cook drew attention to his written report about the situation at Tops Nursery. The neighbours have been sending regular letters of complaints to the Church Commissioners, the NFDC, Jonathan and Bill Gulland, the Lymington Times etc. Bill and Jonathan met with the neighbours in February to try and seek a compromise with Tops. However a formal complaint to the Environmental Health Officer at the NFDC was lodged in March. The two main complaints are:

- a. High peaks of noise from uncontrolled children screaming
- b. The fact that the site is not suitable for a nursery as it has made it impossible for the neighbours to sit in their gardens

Subsequently, the EHO has visited Tops and has taken recordings in the neighbours' gardens which do not show any unusual noise. The EHO and Tops are working on a Noise Management Plan but has proved to be difficult to reach a compromise between the two parties.

	<p>The current action by St Thomas' is to collect more data on the pattern of noise throughout the day in order to inform the discussion. If planning is approved, the nursery might be able to use another play area and there is a possibility of constructing an acoustic screen in the affected gardens.</p> <p>The PCC has received a letter from the NFDC concerning as alleged breach of the Town and Country Planning Act. This has arisen as a result of the withdrawal of the application for planning permission submitted last December. The Steering Group is due to meet shortly and the resubmission of the Planning Application should be able to go ahead soon. Once submitted, the details will be on display at the rear of St Thomas church and PCC members (and others) will be encouraged to go online and register their support of the project.</p> <p>c) Health and Safety Report (Andy Payne and Malcolm Ward)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An architect had been contacted to come and look at the falling masonry in the church • Ecclesiastical Insurance had confirmed that hirers of the Church premises must have their own Public Liability Insurance which should be shown to us before the event. There was an exception for small family events but details need to be clarified 	
10	<p>Main Business: pMap Report</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to Rosie Ward on the work she had done to write the report for the Diocese.</p> <p>The three objectives, each with its detailed plan and the steps needed to deliver results, were looked at and agreed with very minor changes.</p> <p>It was agreed that the PCC should select one of the objectives for each of its future meetings and discuss how we are progressing.</p>	
11	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>A letter had been received from Frank Gregory about the lunch at the Royal Lymington Yacht Club. After a short discussion, it was agreed that we like to see any initiatives by our parishioners to meet socially at any convenient and congenial place and time. These are informal meetings and the PCC has no role in choosing the time or venue. MH agreed to respond to Frank</p>	MH
12	<p>Diary Dates</p> <p>Solent Music festival: September 16 – 22</p> <p>Flower Festival: October 9 - 13</p>	
14	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Thursday September 12th STC 7:30pm</p>	
15	<p>Peter closed the meeting at 9:30 pm with prayer.</p>	


 12th September 2013