

## ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST, WICKEN

Minutes of the meeting of the PCC held at the church on 23 April 2018 immediately following the APCM

### Present

Rev Diane Whittaker, Rev Sue Stanley, Marcus Rixon, Ian Howett, Rita Long, Celina Francklin and Tish Gordon-Lee.

Apologies for absence from Charlotte Yorke-Long

**Minutes 19.2.18 Accepted and signed** with the addition of Charlotte Yorke-Long to those present

### Matters Arising

#### a) Village website

**Agreed:** to publish minutes (suitably redacted as necessary) on the website with a link to the Benefice site.

b) **Scarecrow Competition** - Ian needed a scythe for our entry – possible donors were suggested.

### Correspondence Received

**Ride and Stride** – Rev Sue had received and dealt with an email about this event on 8.9.18 for which the church would be open. Rita and Marcus would be available on the day.

### Fabric

a) **PA System** – Ian reported that the cabling had gone in and the temporary box installed, though it was still empty. The work was nearly complete, including testing.

**Agreed:** to record our very grateful thanks to Alan and Ian for their considerable time and work on this project. Ian would investigate a suitable gift for Alan and his wife. The work would be complete in time for the event on Sat 12.5.18, for which church cleaning would be done on 11.5.18 at 11am.

b) **Wall** – the capping would begin soon and the newly-seeded grass was growing well.

c) **Stonework Repairs** – the work would begin soon, following the site meeting on 26.4.18 at 2pm.

d) **Guttering** – the unsuitable guttering on the Vestry wall needed replacing at a cost of £350 including labour.

**Agreed:** Diane to seek the Archdeacon's approval

e) **Heating** – Rev Diane had obtained and circulated a spec for replacing the storage heaters, which would go before the DAC in May together with the rationale for this change of plan. Rev Sue had experienced the new (radiator) system at Calverton and had not thought it as effective as had been anticipated. We hoped to get funding from the Solar Fund.

f) **Interior lighting** – the details had been to the DAC. Rev Diane was to hold another meeting with Benedict who would be able to counter the DAC's objections.

g) **Exterior Lighting** – A motion sensor would be included for the porch light and an updated timer switch for the light on the lychgate.

### Treasurer's Report

a) **Accounts** – tabled and discussed (attached). The organ needed attention; Diane would ask John to book the repair. The School House roof insulation and leak repair were in hand. In addition to the secondary glazing installation, the existing window frames would need repainting.

We expected to receive a VAT refund of £1141.00 from Listed Places of Worship. In view of the current necessary expenditure on the School House

**Agreed:** to pay £500 towards the parish share from HMRC reimbursements and to repay the £2000 borrowed from the Fabric Fund with further HMRC reimbursements and the LPOW money

**Agreed:** thanks to Marcus and Celina

b) **Numbers at Services** – .average still 11.

## **Rector's Report**

a) **Archbishop's *Thy Kingdom Come*** – Rev Sue explained the plan for prayer walks throughout the Benefice villages. A booklet was available in the church with all the details and it was hoped that everyone would participate, either by joining a walk or reading the prayers (or both!). Rev Sue would put a notice on the board.

b) Rev Sue's Ordination and First Communion – ordination at Peterborough on Sun 24.6.18 at 10.30am. A coach had been booked and all were welcome – bring a picnic lunch. First Communion would be at Cosgrove Patronal on Sun 1.7.18 at 11am (in village hall).

## **Worship/Mission**

a) **Ascension Day** – Celina would ask Charlotte if she had confirmed Livvy's willingness to host the cakes and ale following the service. Akeley Wood School would be attending. Celina would also double-check that Mrs King was available to play the organ.

b) **Pentecost** – Benefice service at St Nic's, 20.5.18 at 9.30am

b) **Welcome leaflet** – now done, in Vestry and needing only to be folded.

Agreed: thanks to Marcus for getting them printed

## **Fundraising/Social/Outreach**

**Harvest Events** – confirmed that Harvest Supper would be held at the Sports Club on Sat 13.10.18 and therefore Harvest Festival with Communion on Sun 14.10.18. As last year, we would hold the Gift Day at the same time.

Agreed: Gift Day and other arrangements on next agenda

## **Other Business**

a) **Church Path** – Celina was getting estimates for different surfaces to replace the path which was becoming dangerous and difficult for wheelchairs, buggies and the infirm. The path would be wider and have edging which allowed for easy mowing without the need for strimming.

**Agreed:** to include the provision of a water pipe under the path to avoid further disruption when the kitchen goes in.

b) **Pew Seating Cushions at Back of Church**

Agreed: Celina to obtain an estimate for cushions to match the existing ones, but possible that work might be delayed depending on cost of path work including water pipe.

c) **Back Door in Tower** – noted that the concrete block outside the door was to be moved, so that the door could be opened for safety and ventilation. It was possible the threshold would need repair.

## **Meetings and Events**

4.6.18 PCC 7pm at Charlotte's

20.8.18 PCC 7pm at Celina's

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8.50pm

Signed:

Date: