

Christ Church Council Minutes 16 June 2011

Present: Angela Soboslay, Judith Bishop, David Bishop, Janet Mahto, Tony Buss, Margaret Silver, Margaret Burrows, Andrew Sillett, Rebecca Nicholson, Brenda Wall, Mark Elliott (Chair)

Apologies: Malcolm Wall, Sylvia Ayers, Martin Palmer, Lewis Boyd, Keri Chivers, Margaret Heath.

1. ME led a prayer for guidance.

2. ME welcomed the new members of Council.

3. Approval of previous minutes (15 March, 2011) MB(prop.) JM (sec.)

4. Matters arising: a plate for contributions towards Genesis vouchers, still has to be put out at the back of church. (Wardens to be reminded).

The bollards in the car park are not always put back up. The Hotel needs to be reminded about doing this. (Trustees)

5. ME asked for items from the council which need to be discussed during this coming year. Suggestions made were:

Liturgical markers ; outreach and closer links with our neighbours; another "playday"; arrival of our new priest and realistic expectations & practical issues; the drawing up of a church social calendar and a sub-committee to run events.

6. Dates of future council meetings: 30th August, 19th October, 5th December, 17th January, 2012, 22 February, 2012, 26th March & AGM on 29th April 2012.

7. Away weekend, ME

Mark gave a quick report of the away weekend which is being planned with St. Stephens' and St. Mary Charlcombe, 6-8 July, 2012 at Hebron Hall, Powys. There will be a meeting on 20th July to talk about more details, at St. Stephen's and AS & AM volunteered to attend on behalf of Christ Church.

ME suggested that between 20-30 people from Christ Church should be able to go on the weekend.

8. Regular reports:

A Local Ministry Group (LMG):

ME maintained that collaborative events & services during Holy week had been a great success and that we should continue to encourage this collaborative approach. We hope that there will be more contact with Walcot Parish in the future.

B Trustees Report:

There was a Trustees meeting on 5th May. Cottage no.2 is now vacant which is good timing to be able to show the applicants for the position of priest. The cottage will be re-marketed if the eventual chosen candidate does not choose to live there.

There are three parties interested in leasing the school building behind Christ Church: two nurseries and Bath Academy language school. The language school does not require any parking spaces so it appears a more positive bid. The bollard situation in the car park appears to be getting better. We may need to get a new sign that warns you may be locked in to the car park if you park there illegally. Perhaps also the Hotel should have signs to put in the cars they are parking there to distinguish them.

Fabric matters were discussed including the fact that money may have to be spent on the windchest of the organ.

There have been very good reactions to the Church Profile and the advert for the post of Priest put into the Church Times 13th May-10 June. The closing date has now passed and there have been 17 expressions of interest and many applicants from abroad. There are three serious applications and we can be encouraged that this will lead to an appointment.

27th & 28th June are interview dates and there will also be an informal gathering for the candidates to meet a group of parishioners. Invitations will be sent out.

We must all pray for the process of appointment.

The interview panel will consist of the Archdeacon, ME, Sarah Jones, LB & K.Ch.

The next date for a meeting of Trustees is 23 August, 2011

C. CTB no report.

D Deanery Synod: AS sending minutes as separate attachment.

9. There was no other business.

10. Next Council meeting will be held on 30th August, 2011.

11. The meeting closed at 20.45 with the Grace.