

Minutes of the Christ Church Council Meeting 22nd June 2009

Present:

David Bishop, Judith Bishop, Lewis Boyd, Margaret Burrows, Antony Claridge, Mark Elliott [chair], Brenda Ellison, Margaret Heath, Janet Mahto, Yvonne Morris, Jane Nicholson, Martin Palmer, Robert Siderfin, Andrew Sillett, Margaret Silver, Angela Soboslay.

2 Apologies:

Sylvia Ayers, Clive Tilling.

3 Welcome to the new Council Members

Brenda Ellison was welcomed to the Council

4 Approval of Minutes

Issue concerning Joan Bunkin (under AOB) was raised by Margaret Burrows, not Margaret Heath.

5 Matters Arising...

Friendship Quilt - This is intended for use by those at home, as its safekeeping cannot be assured in hospital.

6 Regular Reports

6a Local Ministry Group

5th July would be Jonathon's final service and all are encouraged to attend. From Antony's recent meeting with the Archdeacon, a new incumbent is not expected to be licensed before September 2010, based on advertising the position in Q12010. The Archdeacon has requested that the incumbent's relationship with Christ Church be mentioned in the job description.

6b Churches Together In Bath

The incumbent at Manvers Street Baptist Church (John Rackley) has caused some consternation by stating that he does not believe CTB is worthwhile.

6c Deanery synod

Andrew Sillett has reported on this in the magazine. Synod reps have been asked to discuss Parish Mission Plans under the heading of a "Stronger Together" consultation. A document for feeding back information to Synod was tabled and a copy is attached as a reminder that this will be discussed at the September Christ Church Council meeting.

7 Church Planning Working Group

Bob Siderfin updated Council on progress. The scope has been divided up by area: David Bishop – outside and the entrance, Alice Pont - secular space, Mark Elliott – nave layout, Martin Palmer – notice boards and back of church, Robert Siderfin – kitchen and utilities.

A meeting with the church wardens had identified a lack of storage as a major impediment to the smooth running of the church. Additional storage in the Sacristy and the Vicars' vestry is required. A number of key documents and history are held in various private houses and retrieval depends on someone knowing "who has what". Whilst not strictly within the working group's remit, RS asked that this issue be referred to the trustees. This was discussed and approved (Prop: RS, Sec: MAH). Chris Gladstone will be offered help to clear accumulated junk from the boiler room.

The congregation should all feel they can be involved in suggesting ideas and an article will be put in the magazine.

The Working Group will report back to Council in Q42009.

8 Chairpersons

With David Marles and Chris Gladstone having announced their departure next year, new volunteers are needed to chair the Council meetings. Martin Palmer and Robert Siderfin volunteered. (Prop: MAH, Sec: MB)

9 Selection of Discussion Topics for this year

- Discussion of the Deanery Dialogue questions (at the Sept meeting for input and following Nov Synod for follow up)
- Church Social Activity (two years on from the successful Play Day)
- *Subsequent to the meeting, Sarah Jones has asked for publicity and the church image in the community to be debated.*

Other suggestions should be brought to the September meeting.

10 AOB

As a result of the AGM being held later than normal this year, Antony Claridge will arrange with the Archdeacon to have the new wardens sworn in to office.

11 Dates for this year's meetings

Tuesday 8th September
Wednesday 21st October
Thursday 26th November
Monday 11th January
Tuesday 16th March
AGM Sunday 26th April

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