

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
NEWBOLD-ON-AVON WITH LONG LAWFORD

**MINUTES OF MEETING 16/05/11 7:30pm @ St Botolphs Church**

**Present:**

The Rev Paul Wilkinson  
Arthur Webster  
Carol Wadeson  
Janet Haynes  
Barbara Sear  
Ingrid Credgington  
Barbara Lake  
Lorraine Smith  
Geraldine Smith  
Joan Griffiths  
Derrick Griffiths  
Christine Tonge  
Angela Clewlow  
Jayne Wilkinson

**1. The meeting was opened with prayer and a passage from psalm 19.**

**1a. Appointment of New Secretary.**

As Carol had given notice during the PCC meeting held in January at St John's church, Paul asked if there were any volunteers to take over this role. AS there were no volunteers Carol agreed to hold the post for a further year. However, the post will defiantly need to be filled after the next AGM as she is not prepared to do a further year. If anyone may be interested in taking on the role please speak to Carol as she would be more than happy to explain what is involved.

Paul asked that thanks be recorded to three members of the PCC that have stepped down: Mike Beevers, Jane Webster and Mary Doyle their contribution and hard work has been very much appreciated by all.

Paul also recorded a welcome t the new members of the PCC: Jayne wilkinson, Leonard Harvey and Linda Vowles.

Please remember that we are still short of a Deanery Synod representative and a Church Warden. Anyone interested in either of these roles may speak to Paul.

**2. Apologies were received from :** Bernard Doyle, Leonard Harvey, Linda Vowles and Laura Wilkinson.

**3.Approval of Previous minutes:**

The minutes were approved.

#### **4. Matters Arising From Previous Minutes:**

**4a** Paul informed the group that the relevant mandates for the account signatories are due to be sent to the bank very soon.

**4b** Jane is still looking into the possibility of gift aiding her fee for the works she has recently carried out however, has first to overcome some 'tax issues'.

**4c** The Quinquennial inspection has now been carried out and a report received by Paul 13/05/11. Paul is working his way through it however, on the surface there does not appear to be any concerns regarding action to be taken. The bill for the inspection is £500 plus vat.

**4d** Work on the cards to be sent to the bereaved is in hand with Hannah Wilkinson hoping to design some during her summer break from university.

#### **5 Deanery Synod Report :**

There was a meeting of the Deanery Synod Report held at Leamington Hastings which ended with an interesting power point presentation on the restoration works to the church following the fire there last year.

#### **6 Correspondence:**

The following items of correspondence were discussed;

A letter from the DAC regarding a Summer tour.

An email from Mark Beach regarding a community Fun Day

A letter regarding The English Heritage Grading St Botolphs having received a Grade 1 as opposed to a Grade A – as far as all were concerned St Botolphs has always been a Grade 1 listed building !

#### **7 Treasurers Report**

See attached

#### **8 Restoration Appeal Fund.**

See attached

**Paul could you send the copy of the minutes for me to attach please ?**

#### **9 Christmas Tree Festival:**

Janet Haynes reported that all was in hand. However, could everyone be mindful that a Remembrance Tree is still required so if anyone knows of one 'going spare' please let Janet know .

#### **10 Summer Fete/Fundraising Event:**

To be held 17/09/11.

An organiser is required for this event, no volunteers were identified at the meeting.

A Grand Draw would also need to be organised quite soon. Everyone was asked to think of ideas for the fete and to bring them to the next PCC meeting.

It was suggested that Mike and Pat Beevers may be able to resurrect the Teddy Bear Parachute jump that was such a success in recent years.

However, following the meeting Carol has contacted them and has been informed that this is not a safe thing to do until the restoration work has been carried out on the tower.

### **11. Church Security:**

Sharpes Lead works have visited and placed tarpaulin over the area of roof that where more lead has been removed. A quote for the replacement lead has been sent out, but has not yet been received.

Suggestions for increasing the security were discussed. It was decided that Angela would speak to her employer regarding security, sensors. Cameras etc and will report back.

Also a price needs to be gained for the sale of the remaining lead the funds could then be used to have the same steel which has been used to replace stolen lead on the chancel roof.

### **12 Church Yard Maintenance :**

Problems have been highlighted regarding the number of adornments, plastic flowers etc that are being placed on an increasing number of graves. This is making it very difficult for the volunteers that cut the grass in the church yard. A reminder is to be placed in Roundabout to remind people of the legal conditions regarding the maintenance of graves.

Paul will also speak to the grave diggers to ask that they dispose of excess soil in a more suitable area.

### **13 Health and Safety:**

Jayne was recently scolded by the boiler in the kitchen area and the need for a replacement boiler is now getting urgent.

A discussion followed regarding the make/type of boiler that would be best and Barbara Lake and Angela Clewlow will organise the identification of the best one with the hope of it being fitted asap.

### **14 Any Other Business:**

There was no any other business.

### **15.Date of Next Meeting :**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 7:30pm at St Botolphs.