

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING 16/1/12 7:30pm @ St Johns Church**

**Present:**

The Rev Paul Wilkinson  
Carol Wadson  
Janet Haynes  
Ingrid Credgington  
Barbara Lake  
Jayne Wilkinson  
Bernard Doyle  
Leonard Harvey  
Arthur Webster  
Barbara Sear  
Christine Tonge

**1. The meeting was opened with a prayer and a bible reading.**

**2. Apologies were received from :**

Derrick and Joan Griffiths, Laura Wilkinson and Angela Clewlow.

The meeting was held without a specific agenda as it was arranged to give the PCC an opportunity to concentrate and reflect on the meetings that had been held with the Archdeacon Missioner and Stewardship Advisor.

The meeting began by looking at specific details concerning finances:

- We are now in a position to pay a further £10,000 towards our Parish Share which brings our totals so far to £22,000 against the £32,101 that has been requested.
- It was felt that our Parish could not carry on like this and that the cost of maintaining the building was holding us back from being able to pay our full Parish share.
- There is currently £40,000 in the restoration fund.
- A further £64,000 has been offered in grants from English Heritage on the proviso that we can raise the £25,000 shortfall required to complete the works within 12 months of the English Heritage offer. The grant is broken down into two payments £8,000 will be forwarded to pay for initial costs such as Architect Fees etc and the remaining £56,000 when the £25,000 shortfall has been raised.
- A further condition is that the church building must be open to non paying general public for 40 separate occasions for periods of 6 hours at a time. These times may not include general worship, The Christmas Tree Festival etc and must do so for a minimum period of ten years.
- After a general discussion it was decided that the building would be unlocked on all Wednesdays between February and November. That all plate, crosses etc would be removed to safe storage and replaced by wooden ones. Paul Wilkinson will unlock and lock during these days and contact another member of the PCC if he has to be away on other duties etc.  
Proposed by Leonard Harvey and seconded by Janet Haynes.
- The English Heritage Acceptance Form is to be signed by Paul Wilkinson (Vicar), Mike Beevers (Chairman of Restoration Committee) and Bernard Doyle (Church Warden).

- Concerns were raised about the continuing maintenance work that was required at St Botolphs such as the large crack on the north aisle that will cost in the region of £1,300 just to investigate the cause, cracks in the porch, the faulty heating and other various works that are expected to cost in the region of £25-£30k. The question was asked “At what stage do we say that we cannot afford the upkeep of the building any longer?”
- It was decided that during this meeting at least we must try not to let the continuing problems with the building affect our views on increasing the growth of the church. A number of suggestions were made for attracting more people to our church who may in turn decide to become regular attendees of our services:

**1. Regular Story Time:** These sessions could be held on a weekly or fortnightly basis during which parents and carers of young children could come to church so that the children could listen to stories and the parents could get together over a cup of tea or coffee. Carol Wadson is to visit the church in Lutterworth that hosts this type of group to look at the viability of it in our church.

**2. Even Song followed by a Supper:** This was suggested by Arthur Webster who informed the group that a similar event is held in Grandborough church.

**3. A Children’s Service with Visual Aids/Musical Instruments etc.**

**4. A Community Choir Evening/Concert.**

**5. A Family Day to Celebrate the Queen’s Diamond Jubilee.**

**6. Indulgence Evening.**

**7. Family Day with Olympic Theme.**

**8. Regular Pascal and Harvest Suppers** – This year are to be held on 05/04/12 (Pascal) and 12/09/12 (Harvest) – Janet Haynes

**9. Update of The Newbold Church History:** To be published in the Rugby Family history Magazine – Arthur Webster.

**10. Children’s Leaflet :** for young church visitors to use to look for interesting items around the church.

**11. Use of Power Point as Visual Aids During Certain Services.**

**12. Anniversary Cards to be Sent Out to Families in the Year Following Funerals and letters to be sent out 6 weeks after funerals:** - Ingrid Credgington already has this in hand.

**13. Monthly Prayer Leaflets.**

All Events organised can be listed in the ‘Coming Events’ section of the church Website which is currently empty.

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

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2012** at St Johns.

The meeting was closed with a prayer.