

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, STALYBRIDGE
Deanery of Ashton-under-Lyne, Diocese of Manchester
Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 19th January 2010

Present

Brierley Philip Revd	Smith Alan
Catlow Joan	Smith Margaret (Secretary)
Davies Julia	Stewart Juliana
Hayward Rose	Stewart Keith Revd
Lees Scott	Stubbs Ian Revd (Chairman)
Nield Nancy (Warden)	Walker Elanor
Reynolds Brian	

1. Opening Prayers

Prayers led by Philip Brierley.

2. Apologies for Absence

Anderson Christopher, Broadbent Doreen Revd (Assoc), Clifford Graham, Clifford Pam, Hurst Valma, Ollerenshaw Jean, Vernon George (Vice Chairman), Vidler Janet (Warden).

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on November 16th 2010

These were then accepted and signed as a true account of the proceedings of that meeting with the correction to 4h) initally should read initially.

4. Matters Arising

a) Diary dates

January

Sunday 24th - Fair Trade Products on sale all day
6.30pm United Service for Christian Unity

February

Tuesday 2nd – Presentation of Christ – Candlemas
8.00pm Holy Communion with Hymns

Wednesday 17th – Ash Wednesday
8.00pm Imposition of Ashes & Communion

March

Saturday 6th - Afternoon Tea Dance – Fair Trade. Here or join with Methodist S/B

ACTION - NANCY

Sunday 7th – Sale of Fair Trade Products in the Lounge

May

Saturday 8th - 11.00am to 2.00pm Spring Fair

b) Funding applications

I) The Hub - funding was unsuccessful. Pauline Ainsworth suggests to regroup to look at other ideas.

II) Church Yard - One or two small donations of £45 & £20 have been received.

III) Lighting & Roof Insulation - A donation from Hannah Anker of £1000 has been gratefully received.

Cont, 4. Matters Arising

c) Christmas Fair Review - It did very well! We noticed a lot of new faces. The Grotto is the main draw and it's thanks once more to the group who work so hard to make it magical, and to a great Father Christmas. Scott had been in contact with the Reporter & Advertiser but no notices were inserted in these papers.

d) Telecommunications Equipment – still in touch and progressing.

e) Junior Youth Accounts Book - Vicar to meet with them on Friday 22nd January.

f) Garden of Remembrance Casket – due to the snow the Vicar was unable to visit Wiltshire but hopes to be going sometime this month and will report back to next meeting. The Garden is open for interment of ashes.

ACTION - VICAR

g) New Banner – is now in position on the North wall opposite the old banner. All are happy with this position. Thanks to Brian & George for hanging the banner.

h) Worship Questionnaires – Still going ahead plans to date are - February 7th Questionnaires go out – on 14th Feb a Church discussion.

ACTION -THE PLANNING GROUP BEING

CHRIS, JANET, JOAN & ELANOR WILL BE MEETING ON SUNDAY 24TH JANUARY.

i) The Annual Portable Appliance Testing.

This will now take place on Saturday 23rd 2010.

ACTION – ALAN SMITH

5. Any Other Business

a) Church Fees

b) Room Rents

6. Looking Forward – next 12 – 24 months

A Building Development Plan had been circulated which was discussed and approved by the PCC.

Lighting & Roof Insulation funding was discussed with a proposal of selling squares showing progress on a graph or other visual display. Where possible, to Gift Aid purchases. Someone will be needed every Sunday to sell the squares.

Grants are available for this type of work.

ACTION - BRIAN, ELEANOR & JULIANA WILL MEET ON SUNDAY TO DISCUSS

ACTION - IAN WILL PRODUCE A DRAFT TO BE CIRCULATED FOR IDEAS BEFORE INSERTING IN THE MAGAZINE

7. Treasurer's Report

a) Report on special PCC meeting Sunday 3rd January 2010

At this meeting the PCC approved of sending £6,000 to the Diocese.
We have only paid £21,000 out of the £33,664 - unpaid £12,664

b) Current Accounts – were attached to agenda & minutes.

c) Quota Payment for 2010 - £25,344 (a drop of £8,320) £2,112 per month to pay.
We must make every effort to meet this payment.

8. Financial Situation

a) Bills have gone up and income has dropped over the years due to people leaving the area or deceased and the majority of congregation now being pensioners.

A question asked was, 'who do we give the 2009 end of year groups accounts to'?

**ACTION – VICAR WILL CHECK WITH SIMON JACKSON
AND ASK HIM TO ATTEND THE NEXT MEETING**

b) Some of the adverts in the Magazine have not been paid for.

**ACTION – VICAR WILL CHASE UP THE UNPAID ONES
NANCY WILL COLLECT FROM OTHERS
JULIA DAVIES OFFERED TO HELP**

Advertiser also paid to be in the diaries that we then receive for free, and allowing us to sell for church funds.

**PROPOSED – ANY UNSOLD DIARIES BE GIVEN TO THE CHILDREN
ALL IN FAVOUR**

9. Reports from sub-group –

a) Resources, GP, Building and Development – Funding & Social 2009

I) Garden of Remembrance

George has ordered the tool for making the hole.

II) Church Lighting - Ted & Brian are acquiring quotes for the lights.

III) Church Path - Waiting for final approval.

IV) Mower

The Mower has cost us less than the estimated £250. The final bill was for £175.

V) Heating

Another quote from Global Heating for gas fan heaters and hot water.

For heating church and upper hall £24200 + VAT (£28435).

Lounge, kitchen & entrance £3200 + VAT (£3760).

A total of £32195

**ACTION – BRIAN & IAN TO PREPARE A CHART OF THE QUOTES WE HAVE RECEIVED
TO GET ARCHITECTS VIEWS AND PRESENT TO PCC**

b) Summer Fair

It was decided at June's PCC meeting to revert to a Spring Fair as the weather was no better and a lot of people were on holiday.

A date for the Spring Fair was set for Saturday 8th May 2010.

10. Correspondence –

a) Letter received from the Social Group informing us that after 16 years they have decided to retire from planning, and running the Grotto.

We extend our grateful thanks to them all.

The success of the Christmas Fair was largely due to them.

Thank you so much Dorothy, Wendy, David, Eileen. Jean & Jean, Juliana, husbands & sisters.

b) **Polling Station** – The Church will be open for Polling on Thursday 6th May 2010.

c) **UNICEF** - requesting fund raising for the disaster in Haiti to provide water kits. A special collection took place last Sunday and will again this Sunday.

d) **Christians Against Poverty** - leaflet on free debt counselling for everyone struggling with debt. Leaflet on table and a notice on the board, which has a free call phone number 0800 328 0006.

e) **Quinquennial Inspection** – letter from Christine Marshall informing us that the inspection is due this year and to make appropriate arrangements.

ACTION – WARDENS & VICAR

11. Any other Business (from item 5)

a) **Church Fees** - 2010 fees had been circulated. The only increases in our fees were for the Organ Maintenance & Utilities. The rest of increases were set by the Commissioners. The Gravediggers fee is still the same but this could change when he next comes or informs us of any changes.

THE PCC APPROVED THE NEW FEES

Once more our grateful thanks to Philip Brierley for all his work on these fees.

b) **Room Rents** – Postponed to next PCC meeting.

ACTION – VICAR OR SECRETARY TO PUT ON FEBRUARY'S AGENDA

12. Report 200 Club draw – January's draw to take place at Church on Sunday

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

Compline – Philip Brierley.

Next PCC Meeting 16th February 2010 at 8.00p.m. at Church

THIS MONTHS ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

4a) Afternoon Tea Dance	Nancy Nield
4f) Garden of Remembrance Casket	Ian Stubbs
4h) Questionnaires	Chris, Janet, Joan, Elanor
4l) P.A.TEST.	Alan Smith
6) Roof & Lighting - to meet after church on Sunday	Brian, Eleanor, Juliana.
6) Draft to circulate & insert in magazine	Ian Stubbs
8a) Who do we give end of years groups accounts to?	Ian Stubbs
8a) Request Simon to attend February's meeting	Ian Stubbs
8b) Magazine advertisements- to chase up unpaid ones	Ian Stubbs
8b) To collect from others	Nancy Nield
8b) To assist them with collections	Julia Davies
9ll) Church Lighting	Ted Longden & Brian Reynolds
9V) Heating – to prepare a chart of quotes received etc.	Brian Reynolds & Ian Stubbs
10e) Quinquennial Inspection	Wardens & Ian
11b) Room Rent to go on next agenda	Margaret or Ian

