

PARISH CHURCH OF ST. GEORGE, STALYBRIDGE
Deanery of Ashton-under-Lyne, Diocese of Manchester
Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 16th November 2009

Present

Anderson Christopher	Smith Alan
Brierley Philip Revd	Smith Margaret (Secretary)
Catlow Joan	Stewart Keith Revd
Clifford Graham	Stubbs Ian Revd (Chairman)
Davies Julia	Vernon George (Vice Chairman)
Hurst Valma	Vidler Janet (Warden)
Nield Nancy (Warden)	Walker Elanor
Reynolds Brian	

1. Opening Prayers

Prayers led by Ian Stubbs. Ian then expressed his thanks to the Clergy, Wardens & Vice Chairman and everyone who kept the church running smoothly during his Sabbatical leave which was refreshingly good, creative and worthwhile, but now it's good to be back. Thank you all.

2. Apologies for Absence

Broadbent Doreen Revd (Assoc), Clifford Pam, Jackson Simon, Lees Scott, Ollerenshaw Jean, Stewart Juliana.

3. Minutes of the last meeting held on October 20th 2009

These were then accepted and signed as a true account of the proceedings of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising

a) Diary dates

Nov	28th	11.am -2.00pm Christmas Fair
	29th	6.00pm Advent Service
Dec	13th	3.00pm Christingle
	20th	6.00pm 9 Lessons & Carols
	24th	6.00pm Children's Service – Blessing of the Crib
		11.45pm Midnight Mass
	25th	10.45am Christmas Day Eucharist

b) Funding applications – Vicar to meet with Alan & George on Tuesday 24th November to discuss plans and funding.

c) Telecommunications Equipment – nothing to report.

d) Looking Forward – after Tuesdays meeting (see 4b) a draft plan will be produced & circulated.

ACTION – IAN STUBBS TO PRODUCE THE PLAN

e) Junior Youth Accounts Book - Treasurer & Vicar to report.

Cont, 4. Matters Arising

f) Garden of Remembrance – George has arranged to obtain tools to make the necessary size of hole required for the burial of ashes.

A grid plan based on 16” square plots, which will take initially 250 sets of ashes, is being prepared. This will be kept in the safe and a copy will go onto the web page. Plaques to be reconsidered in the new year.

Details concerning the design of the Casket to hold the Ashes will be organised by Ian Stubbs.

ACTION – IAN STUBBS TO PHONE OR VISIT FOR CASKET DETAILS

g) Guild – Nancy has arranged for the funds to be transferred to a Restricted account.

h) THE GREATER MANCHESTER CHURCHES PRESERVATION SOCIETY -

The ten Churches that took part in the Ride & Stride raised a total of £1678.00 which has been split 50/50 between the individual Church and the GMCPS Grant Fund and will be distributed to churches in need who apply to GMCPS for help with the cost of repairs.

Ride & Stride next year will be on Saturday 11th September 2010 which is the Saturday of the Heritage Open Days.

THE PCC AGREED TO JOIN THE SOCIETY FOR ONE YEAR INITIALLY.

ACTION - MARGARET SMITH

i) POSITION OF NEW BANNER IN CHURCH – a letter received from Mike Vidler & Family indicated that they would like the banner to be in the Lady Chapel but will be satisfied if it is elsewhere.

The congregation on a Tuesday morning would rather it be elsewhere and others have indicated that it would not be fitting to see it when they attend the Votive stand.

It was proposed to hang it temporarily on the North wall opposite to old banner.

ALL IN FAVOUR – ACTION FABRIC GROUP

5. Any Other Business

- a) Portable Appliance Testing (PAT)
- b) Mower

6. Treasurer's Report

a) Current Accounts – No report to date. (Will insert details when I have received them.)

b) Quota Payment for 2009 - £33,664 (£2805.53 per month) – paid £15,000 as of October.

c) Report on meeting of Parish Shares - No report was given.

7. Letter from Dr. Chris Anderson – a lengthy discussion took place, after which it was suggested to hand out questionnaires at the two Ordinary Time Services between the Christmas Season & the Lent Season, February 7th & 14th 2010 and to continue the discussion and findings at an open meeting possibly a Sermon slot at one of the services.

ALL IN FAVOUR

ACTION: JANET VIDLER, JOAN CATLOW, CHRIS ANDERSON, ELEANOR WALKER.

8. Child Protection – nothing to report.

9. Reports from sub-group –

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

l) Church Lighting – Waiting for a visit by a lighting engineer and for a budget costing.

ACTION – BRIAN REYNOLDS & TED LONGDEN

ll) Heating – on going.

lll) Entrance path – We have received D.A.C approval and are displaying the Public notice as required. Final approval requires the P.C.C to pass a formal resolution approving the work as follows.

“This PCC agrees to the application to raise and relay the York paving stones from the paths to create a new wide entrance path as outlined in the public notice”

All in favour.

IV) Christmas Fair Arrangements – Santa to arrive in an open top MG.

Memory Tree will either be on the Old St George’s Altar Table or in the back wall recess, leaving access to the Book of Remembrance.

Scott Lees has the table planning in hand and will advertise the fair in the local papers.

ACTION - SCOTT TO ADVERTISE IN LOCAL PAPERS

10. Correspondence – See 4i.

11. Any other Business (from item 5)

a) The annual Portable Appliance Testing is now, due cost is around £80.

ALL IN FAVOUR – ALAN SMITH TO ARRANGE

b) The Mower requires a new belt and two road tyres as it has to travel back and forward from the Vicarage garage every time it is used. Expected cost around £250.

ALL IN FAVOUR – GEORGE VERNON TO ARRANGE

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

Winners for November - 1st: 95 M. Barlow; 2nd: 15 J Ollerenshaw; 3rd: P Clifford.

December – 1st: M. Postings; 2nd: L Hirst; 3rd: G Clifford.

The meeting closed at 10.07pm

Compline – Ian Stubbs.

Next PCC Meeting 19th January 2010 at 8.00p.m. at Church

THIS MONTHS ACTIONS TO BE TAKEN

Draft project Planner	Ian Stubbs
Casket	Ian Stubbs
G M C P Society	Margaret Smith
Junior Youth Accounts	Ian Stubbs & Treasurer
Banner	Fabric Group
Questionnaire	Janet Vidler, Chris Anderson, Elanor Walker, Joan Catlow.
Lights	Brian Reynolds & Ted Longden.
Christmas Fair Advertisements	Scott Lees
P.A.T.	Alan smith
Mower	George Vernon

