

Minutes of the Meeting of St. James P.C.C.

Monday 13th May 2013

Present: Joan Botterill (Chair), Rev Johan Allen, Rev David Britton, Nick Burt, Sabeena Coulson, Judy Douglas, Antony Herbert, Dave Ingram, Steve Linton, Lilian Reddie, Emma Simmonds, Stephanie Sulaiman, Myles Taylor, Paula Thomas.

Apologies: Carol Burt, Catalina Contreras, John Farebrother, Chris Hart, Alan Hollamby, Laura Knight, Glynis Wilkinson

1. **Welcome:** Joan welcomed everyone to the meeting, read verses from Psalm 107:31-32, and opened with prayer.

2. Election of Officers.

The following officers were elected:

- a) **Vice Chair** – Joan Botterill
Proposed by Nick, Seconded by Steve, agreed unanimously.
- b) **PCC Secretary** – Glynis Wilkinson
Proposed by Dave Ingram, Seconded by Myles, agreed unanimously.
- c) **Honorary Treasurer** – Paula Thomas
Proposed by Joan, Seconded by Nick, agreed unanimously.
- d) **Electoral Roll Officer** – Glynis Wikinson
Proposed by Emma, Seconded by Stephanie, agreed unanimously.

3. Co-option of Members

The following were also elected:

- a) **Co-opted Trustees** – John Farebrother (SPA), Carol Burt (FYC)
Proposed by Judy, Seconded by Antony, agreed unanimously.
- e) **Observers** – Laura Knight, Pauline Pepperell
Proposed by Judy, Seconded by Antony, agreed unanimously.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meetings:

The Minutes of the meeting on 11th March 2013 were considered and accepted unanimously.

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

1. **Wandsworth Foodbank.** Antony reported that the Foodbank had opened at St Marks on 10th May, and would open at St Paul's on Thursday 16th May. Further details regarding the activities of the Foodbank were also given.

6. Interregnum.

It was reported that Nick and Judy were in regular communication via email with Rob Powell, the new Team Rector designate. Minutes and other information were being sent to him regarding various matters at St James. The family have also visited the Rectory and have expressed their excitement about moving to Furzedown.

7. Furzedown Festival.

Dave reported that the Furzedown Churches had reserved a stall for the Furzedown Festival Big Day Out on the Rec on Saturday 15th June, from 12:00pm to 6:00pm. Ideas were sought for activities to best advertise the Furzedown Churches, and members invited to join a rota for "manning" the stall, chatting and engaging with passers by.

8. Corporate Prayer.

Dave emphasised that, as a church community, the whole church does not gather to pray regularly for God's mission in our community. Instead, the trend is to have one-off prayer events. Dave read from Acts highlighting how the church can pray for God to do great things, how the church can be filled by the Holy Spirit through prayer, and that those in leadership roles in the church the responsibility to take a lead in encouraging corporate prayer. A discussion was held regarding a regular prayer meeting; suggestions were offered regarding frequency and days, with no consensus. It was noted that prayer is hard work, but important. It was agreed that the item would be considered further by Dave.

At this point, the meeting paused for prayer in the Rectory.

9. Finance Report.

1. **Management Accounts.** Paula presented the management accounts to 30th April 2013. This showed a *deficit* for the period of £3,506, mainly through lower property income.
Paula also reported that £2,605.31 had been sent to CMS, being 25% of the 2012 Gift Day.
Nick also reported that the Fairer Shares exercise had been completed, with the required 80% of returns having been received from church members.
2. **Expenditure Approval.** Nick reported that urgent work was required to be carried out to repair the drainage system on the north side of the Community Hall. Following his inspection of the site, a quote had been received from Marcus Knight Interiors Ltd of £3,580.31.
In view of the value involved, it was questioned whether quotes from other companies should be sought. Nick agreed to check previous PCC decisions regarding authorising expenditure.

Proposal: to accept in principle the quote from Marcus Knight interiors, subject to previous PCC decisions regarding the authorising of expenditure.

Proposed by Nick, Seconded by Paula, agreed unanimously.

10. Future Events.

The meeting noted the list of future events, see below.

11. Any Other Business

1. **Intern.** It was noted that a 'Time for God' intern from Hungary would be arriving in September 2013. Zombor had been interviewed by Laura and Dave via Skype.
2. **Church Wardens.** The meeting noted that Nick and Judy would be 'sworn in' as Church Wardens of St James in Richmond on Tuesday 14th May 2013.

12. Date of Next Meeting.

- **Monday 8th July 2013**

The meeting closed with 'The Grace' at 9:35pm

Next PCC meeting: Monday 8th July 2013 at 8:00pm

Future Events

- **Thursday 16th May –**
 - Foodbank Opening at St Paul's at 10:00am

- **Sunday 19th May –**
 - Pentecost Sunday
 - Picnic on Furzedown Recreation Ground
 - “Ignite” at MLBC

- **Sunday 2nd June –**
 - Newcomers Tea

- **Saturday 8th June – Sunday 23rd June –**
 - Furzedown Festival

- **Saturday 15th June –**
 - Furzedown Big Day Out

- **Monday 8th July –**
 - PCC Meeting in Centre

- **Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August –**
 - Children's Summer Holiday Club at St James

- **Tuesday 6th August – Friday 9th August –**
 - Holiday at Home at MLBC

- **Tuesday 3rd September**
 - Institution of Team Rector at St James at 7:30pm