

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

## Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Present:** Rev Rob Powell (Chair), Anthony Alale, Rev Johan Allen, Alan Burrows, Carol Burt, Nick Burt, Monica Gordon, Yvonne Mason, Millie Miller, Peter Neill, Femi Nzegwu, Stephanie Sulaiman, Jane Thorpe, Glynis Wilkinson, Christina Contreras.

- 1. Welcome:** Rob welcomed and thanked everyone for attending the extra meeting. The meeting was opened in prayer.
- 2. Apologies:** Lisa Burrows, John Farebrother, Liz Gibbons, Steve Linton, Grace Museve, Adam Seymour-Davies.

Rob explained the reason for the extra meeting:

“Christina and I have for some time been trying to find a way of getting some additional heat into the church building during the cold winter months. I think we all know how cold it can get in church on wintery Sunday mornings – last year it dropped down as low as 9C! This is principally due to the fact that we rely on 4 radiators in the side aisles plus one in the side chapel to do all the work. We do have 4 hot air blowers fixed to the walls too, but only two of these still work and they are quite poor in output, so make little difference. Sadly, they are so old and obsolete that they can't be repaired.

Now, of course, the heating problem will be resolved in the long term by the Building for the Kingdom project when, no doubt, we will install a brand new system, probably under floor. However, that will be another 5+ years away at the most optimistic reckoning. I therefore strongly believe we must do something to improve things in the short term, if our mission and ministry is not to be harmed and out of a duty of care for our church family.

Having explored various options with our electrician, Charlie, we have come up with a proposal to replace the existing redundant air blowers with new ones. Though the existing blowers are obsolete, there is a new model we can install. Charlie has inspected the site with his plumber and will be sending us a quotation this week. He can do the work w/c 12th November if we approve it.

This is all good news! The more challenging news is that the cost would be in the region of £12,000. The heaters are £2,000 each and Charlie is going to have to do a lot of cabling work to avoid overloading our already sensitive electrical circuit.

This work hasn't been budgeted for, but we do have over £35,000 in our 'rainy day' building fund which we could draw on if we approve this proposal.”

The PCC members proceeded with various questions and Christina explained to the best of her knowledge.

It was decided that we should bring the annual servicing of the boiler forward and get feedback from the specialist to know if the boiler will be able to cope with the new heaters. Christina to schedule service.

Nick Burt will be in contact with Charlie Smith, our electrician, to ask questions regarding the circuit that will be used and the technicalities of the electrical installation.

Johan proposed, subject to a satisfactory answer to technical enquires to the electrical and heating engineers, that in principal we agree to accept the quote of £11,719.25 from Electrosmith to install 4 new convection heaters, provided by BSS Pipeline and Heating Solutions – model 2115R/LTC/K/CS/T1 ECO FAN CONVECTOR 2013.

The proposal was seconded by Peter Neill and agreed unanimously.

The meeting closed in prayer.