

Minutes of the Meeting of St Oswald's PCC held on 8th November 2017 at New Barn Farm

Present: Mr J Rist (chairperson), Rev P Frostick, Mr S Pattison (churchwarden), Mrs J Stickells, Mrs M Rist, Mrs C Fairclough (treasurer), Mrs A Bourner, Mrs K Brignell, Mr J Fairclough (secretary)

1. Act of Worship. The meeting opened with prayers.

2. Apologies. Mrs J Pattison, Ms G Franklyn

3. Agree Agenda. Agreed with additional AOB items

- Synod meeting
- Paying for website

4. Minutes of PCC meeting 2nd October 2017. Agreed

5. Matters Arising.

Item 6 Paul attended Deanery meeting regarding Parish share no further action required

Item 8 Geoff to mow churchyard once more at end November

Purchase of shed ongoing

Noticeboard, Dick Carey in process of repairing

Incumbent board complete and in place

Bell ringers' mice in item 8

Item 9 not need to repay over claim

Item 11 Garden Party confirmed as 30th June 2018

AOB Protest at Library Van closure was well supported and in local press.

6. Correspondence.

- Jack/Simon/Paul receive various e-mails from Diocese relating to fund raising methods initiatives etc. Most have little relevance to small village church
- Cynthia received offer from Ecclesiastical Insurers for any church member taking out insurance they will donate £130 to St Oswald's

7. Chairperson's comments.

- All LPOW grant received

- VAT claim on roof repair received

8. Churchwardens' report

- Simon to have bonfire to burn tree prunings etc. Concern was expressed that this should wait until Simon's leg is recovered.
- Simon to follow up bell ringers' suggestion of placing sponsored mice in church.

9. Headley Trust Grant/and redecoration

Letter received with offer of £3500 grant towards repair and redecoration of plaster damaged by leak in roof. The work needs to be completed within 1 year of receiving grant.

Simon Pattison proposes that

The PCC formally accepts the generous grant of £3500 from The Headley Trust and that we go forward with the repair and full interior decoration of the church.

Seconded by Margaret Rist

Agreed unanimously (9 members)

10. Forthcoming events

- Remembrance service - arrangements made
- Carol Service - draft programme produced and agreed. Jack to liaise with Donald and Hooe Silver band over who plays hymns. Julia to sing solo. Refreshments to be offered
- Jack been offered Christmas tree
- Following discussion December 10th service to revert to normal Communion Service rather than Christingle
- Donor event carried over to next meeting
- Bonfire Tea discussed future programme to be discussed in New Year

11. AOB

- Margaret and Geraldine attended the last Synod meeting. There was a presentation from a Group from Hastings. They visit schools and act out Bible stories (with audience participation) from the 'Open Book Scheme'
- Website is up and running.
- Cynthia proposed that St Oswald's pays the initial start-up costs and that St Mary's is asked to pay half the monthly fee.

Margaret seconded. Agreed unanimously (9members)

12. Date of next meeting

- Tuesday 23rd January 2018 7.00 pm New Barn Farm

13. Review

- Good meeting

14. Closing prayer

Meeting closed 8.50pm