

St. Andrew's and St. Peter's Church, Toller Porcorum

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in Village Hall 7.30pm

Thursday February 20th 2020

Minutes

1. Present: Revd David Baldwin; David Wallbridge; Judy Miller; Thelma Billen; Keith Miller; Mike Boardman (Treasurer); David Ennals.
2. Apologies: Jo Stephenson, Paul Leppitt.
3. Minutes of the last meeting: (held on 21/10/19) accepted as a true and accurate record.
4. Matters Arising: none
5. Rector's Comments – assimilated into other items.
6. Mission Statement (MS): All agreed that the MS should be short, concise and a phrase we could all 'own'. DE suggested the final MS should be printed as permanent sub-heading beneath our Toller Porcorum graphic in Team News. This was agreed and DW said that this might encourage other churches in the Benefice to do likewise! (Interestingly, DB said that no other church in the Benefice had a MS!). As regards the examples of MS's DE had provided, two liked 'We exist to make Heaven more crowded', two liked PL's suggestion "Making the love of God known in Toller Porcorum". DB suggested 'Serving God; serving the Community'. No decision was made as DB wanted to explore the rationale about having a MS in his next service which would be Evensong on March 1st. The final MS would be agreed by the PCC at their next meeting.
7. Reports:

Financial – MB submitted a report. The 2 accounts total £9,599 but the architect is owed £7,492. The PCC accepted the examined

accounts, previously emailed to PCC members, that will be put forward at the Annual General Meeting.

Synod – meeting next Saturday.

Team Council – has not met since last PCC.

Building – KM has contacted E. Wallace at Erskin Muton Trust but unfortunately, she reported that the trust have yet to meet in order to release a capital amount. DB to follow up with the Archdeacon who is now in a position to represent our church with all the facts/figures/information previously compiled by KM & PL. (PL had put this material in a Dropbox for her to access last November). KM also reported that there is a fault with the external lights as when switched on, other lights are tripped. KM to contact electrician.

8. Churchyard – DE has had the signs at the two entrances to the church reprinted and will install them in due course. For tax reasons he is considering giving up mowing the churchyard, but has another contractor ready to fill the gap. DB stipulated that the new contractor would need to show insurance certificates and have public liability. DE to check on this.

9. Churchwarden's Comments: none.

10. Village Hall (VH) Services Review: KM stated that he has been left high and dry with no one to help set up or, fulfil the normal sidespersons' duties. People on the rota had let the church down sometimes at the last minute. However, there are positives about meeting in the VH as it offers warmth, refreshments, toilets and the atmosphere is more intimate. DB confirmed that it makes good sense to hold services, during the Winter, in the Village Hall. Two 'senior' residents had found that they could get to a service in the VH when the steps or slope at the church offered obstacles to attending services, and had requested that one service a month be held in the VH. The PCC agreed that one service a month – from now on - would continue in the VH. It was also agreed that this would be the 4th Sunday, but this initiative would be reviewed in six months' time.

11. Future events: Village Breakfast Saturday April 18th in aid of Church funds and the Playing Field.

Plant sale Saturday May 16th selling from 10.30am.

AGM – Thursday 2nd April 7pm.

12. Any other business: PCC agreed to meet in future at 7pm.

13. Date of next meeting: the AGM in the church April 2nd at 7pm.

14. Future PCC meetings are set for: Thursday July 16th; Thursday October 8th.