

St. Lawrence Church, Barton-on-the-Heath

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting Friday 14th July 2017

Present: Vice-chairman, Hamish Cathie
Treasurer, Brig. Christopher Wolverson
Clerk, Gillian Cathie
Members: Gay Stallard
Edward Hicks

The meeting began with prayers.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Chairman – Rev. Stuart Allen
Barney Henderson
John Shipton

2. Approval of The Minutes of the meeting on 28th April 2017

This was proposed by Gay Stallard and seconded by Edward Hicks, approved by all and the minutes were signed by the Vice-Chairman.

3. Matters arising from Minutes

Gay Stallard agreed to liaise with Lucy Simpson re. D.B.S. checking for Gillian Cathie.

4. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer reviewed the draft budget compared with the current state of our accounts. He reported we are reasonably on course, provided we receive the usual grant of £1,000 from the Village Fete (subsequently promised).

Funds: He had closed the Roof Fund and transferred the remainder into our Deposit Account with the CofE CBF, which now stands at £25,564

5. Vice Chairman / Churchwarden's report

The Vice-Chairman said that we might consider appointing two extra members to the PCC in view of two members currently not able to offer their help. He would approach both Carol Brown and Gareth Davies, with the approval of the PCC. This was proposed by Gay Stallard, seconded by Brig. Wolverson and approved unanimously.

6. AOB

Brig. Wolverson thanked Hamish & Gillian Cathie for their contribution to church funds by opening their garden to the public at the end of May.

Benefice Restructuring: As a member of the Benefice Council, Christopher Wolverson had a very useful meeting at Church House recently with some sensible ideas emerging and also details of local benefices (not in the Coventry Diocese) which had addressed the issues we are facing. He will be writing a report for the Benefice Council. He stressed that nothing would, could or indeed should be done without consultation, both with individual PCCs and all members of the village communities.

7. The date of the next Parish Council Meeting is on Friday 13th October 2017 in the Village Hall at 4pm.

The Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 4:45pm with prayers.