

PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, COMPTON

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held at
The Dykeries, Eastbury Lane, Compton on Wednesday 13th March 2019 at
7.30 p.m.**

Attendees **Bold Type** denotes present at meeting

Reverend Caroline Burnett (CB) (in the Chair)
Marian Williams (Mrs MW)

Linda Chastell (LC)
Alexia Cupit (AC)
Joanna Dix (JD)
Judith Green (JG)
Stella May (SM)
Andy Webb (AW)

Michael Chastell (MC)
Margaret Davies (MD)
Cax duPon (CduP)
Rosalind Lawson (RL)
Michael More-Molyneux (M M-M)
Mark Wilson (MW)

1. Prayers
CB opened the meeting with prayers for support for the PCC and a vision for the future life of our Church.
2. Apologies for Absence
Apologies were received from M M-M and MW.
- 3.. Minutes of the Meeting held on 9th January 2019
The Minutes of the meeting held on 9th January 2019 were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by CB.
- 4 Matters Arising
 - **Appointment of Health & Safety Officer.** No Health & Safety Officer is in place but in the meantime CB and Mrs. MW have carried out a Health & Safety Risk Assessment. Health & Safety was discussed further under Agenda Item 7.
 - **Church Car Park.** MC reported that some progress had been made in that he was in touch with the Diocese, the freehold owner of the land (except for the access way), and awaiting plans. AW and RL reported on 3 quotes for resurfacing received: - (a) T.J. Hunt - £24,234.00 + VAT; (b) K. Dummer - £20,990.00 + VAT and (c) Tidey & Webb - £16690.00 + VAT. After a general discussion MC felt that further information should be awaited from the Diocese before any of the quotations were progressed. LC pointed out that the costs of any work carried out would come out of the General Fund and not the Fabric Fund as this is not maintenance on the church itself.

5. Financial Statements

Annual Report and Financial Statements 2017

The PCC received the draft Financial Statements for the year ended 31st December 2018 which were presented by Michael Chastell. Following detailed consideration it was RESOLVED that:

1. the Financial Statements for 2018 (copy in Minute Book) be approved for submission to the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and the Charity Commission; and
2. The PCC records its thanks to Michael Chastell as Chairman of the Finance Committee, Peter Bagley for his work in preparing the accounts, the Finance Committee for their work in monitoring, guiding and advising on financial matters during the year and Linda Chastell for her continuous work as Treasurer.

The Report and Accounts from the Finance Committee had been circulated to the PCC prior to this meeting. A discussion followed at this point with MC commenting that there was again a deficit, for the third year running, this year of £4,365. The reduction in the number of services, increases in Parish Share and the ad hoc nature of legacies and donations were all contributing factors to this. This continual erosion of the reserves could not continue. CB said that a Stewardship campaign was needed and this should be looked at by the PCC in May, after the APCM.

The Resolution was proposed by JG and seconded by AW.

6. Easter Services

- Maundy Thursday 18th April 2019 7.30 pm Compton
- Good Friday 19th April 2019 2.00 pm Shackleford
- Easter Eve 20th April 2019 8.00 pm Compton
- Easter Sunday 21st April 2019 8.00 am & 10.00am Compton
10.00 am Shackleford

(No alterations from Agenda though the Easter Eve service will be called the service of Pascal Light)

7. Reports of Committees and Officers

- **Rector's Report** – CB reported that Simon Taylor, Rector of Busbridge, has been appointed Area Dean and will take up his duties when his training is complete.

A Deanery Synod meeting is scheduled for July 17th.

- **Churchwarden's Report** – circulated.

(a) Mrs MW reported that RL and Chris Bourne had cleared and cleaned the kitchenette.

(b) Mrs MW suggested that a thorough church clean should be undertaken three times a year – before Christmas and Easter, and one in late summer. **Saturday April 13th 10am – 12 noon** was fixed for a pre-Easter spring clean.

(c) LC reported that she was printing off the Nadfas Report for use as comparison with the terrier.

- **Finance Committee Report** – Item 5 above refers

- **Treasurer's Report** – LC reported that she had renewed the energy contracts: Electricity has been renewed on a fixed contract for a year. The gas has been renewed on a 3 year fix with a reduced unit charge and standing charge of nil, 5% VAT and a free gas boiler service. She was congratulated by the PCC.

- **Fabric Committee** – The discussion about the church car park is covered under Matters Arising.

RL reported that she was in touch with Christopher Anstey regarding various plasterwork repairs in the church.

- **Health & Safety Report** –

- (a) AW undertook to repaint the white lines on the steps into the church

- (b) JD will remake and increase the size of the warning notice.

- (c) Mrs MW reiterated that only those trained to do so, should touch the ramp. JD, SM and MC from the PCC are trained.

- (d) RL said it was general practice that when the ladder was used, two people held it and it was wedged in position.

- **Safeguarding Report** – Mrs MW distributed two copies of 'A Safer Church' for members of the PCC to read and pass on.

- **Social Committee** – No report. It was agreed to sort out requirements eg coffee, biscuits or more for post-service gatherings as they arose. CduP will contact Gaye Elvidge about Easter Sunday arrangements.

- **Deanery Synod** - Next meeting scheduled for July 17th

- **Diocesan Synod** – No report

8. PCC Membership 2019/2020

AW, JD and AC will retire from the PCC in April. CB recorded her thanks to them for their work which was echoed by the meeting. AW will remain on the Fabric Committee. CB said she was happy with the size of the PCC, and did not feel it necessary to increase it. LC and M M-M will be re-elected to the PCC at the APCM.

9. Any Other Business – No matter was raised.

The meeting concluded with the Grace at 8.50pm

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday May 8th at 7.30pm at The Dykeries, Eastbury Lane