

PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, COMPTON

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held at
The Dykeries, Eastbury Lane, Compton on Wednesday 9th January 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 the prayer that she had put together from thoughts aired at the PCC Away Day in 2016, a prayer for St. Nicholas, Compton and for those who worship there. Plans for printing the prayer are in hand. CB also asked for thoughts and prayers for Jill Eyles and her family following Nick's death.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from AC.

3. Minutes of the Meeting held on 7th November 2018

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th November 2018 were agreed as a true and correct record. Adoption of them was proposed by SM, seconded by RL and they were signed by CB.

4. Matters Arising

- **Appointment of Health & Safety Officer.** SM reported on correspondence with Tony Riddy which had been helpful. A discussion followed, CB said that an appointment was necessary and AW proposed that the Diocese should be contacted for direction, so that a risk assessment could be made.
- **PCC Meeting March 13th 2019.** MC reported that it should not be necessary to change the date of this meeting as the Final Accounts were in hand and a schedule fixed.
- **Evensong.** It was resolved not to move this service from the first Sunday in the month and those of the choir who could sing in the morning and evening would do so.

5. Communities Engagement Team

CB said that the Diocese was carrying out a review of its teams and resources. She felt a 'Dementia Friendly' session could be worthwhile and was hoping to set up a talk in the Church on a Saturday morning in May. **She has also set up an Intercession Training talk by Sarah Hutton on Saturday 16th March at 10am – 1200 noon at St. Nicholas Peper Harow.**

6. Review of Christmas 2018 Arrangements

- **Christmas Carol Service** - JG said that there needed to be more well-known congregational carols and there was general agreement.
- **Crib Service** – JG requested that there be at least two sidesmen in future. It was agreed that the service which included Christingle had gone well.
- It was agreed that services on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day and carol singing at Eastbury, Robertson, and the Withies had also gone well. MW commented that the Orders of Service sheets and Readings sheets were scarce on Christmas Day and for many other services. CB felt that Readings Sheets were important and not an impact on costs, and the numbers of those printed should be kept up and Orders of Service sheets reprinted as necessary.

7. Review of Service arrangements for first quarter of 2019

Services to be confirmed. Holy Week services were discussed and RL proposed that there should be an article in the Parish Magazine to encourage greater attendance at them, particularly on Easter Saturday.

8. Reports of Committees and Officers

- **Rector's Report** – No report
- **Finance Committee** – MC reported that the Committee had met and that LC had passed the final accounts year ended 2018 to Pete Bagley. He said it appeared that there was a smallish deficit this year again, but the figures were not too bad though not going in the right direction.
- **Fabric Committee** – RL reported that :
 - (a) Work on the War Memorial had been completed and branches of trees nearby trimmed back.
 - (b) The crack over the doorway by the loo will be repaired.
 - (c) MW is looking into obtaining LED bulbs as replacements for the existing bulbs, and also into the problem of the lights tripping out on the path.
 - (d) RL and Mrs MW said they would get quotes for gradually recaning the chairs in the Church, which are often needed for weddings and funerals, and some of which are in a bad state. It was agreed to use Oakleaf in Walnut Tree Close if the quotes made it a viable proposition, or to look at auction sites, and also to try to get some of the costs sponsored. (Sponsor a Chair).
 - (e) RL will contact Goldsmiths regarding repairs to the silver chalice.
 - (f) RL will pursue quotes for upgrading the car park. A discussion followed and it was noted that the Parish Council (Peter Graham) could be approached for help, though some spaces would need to be marked off for them and for residents. MC said that the Diocese were the owners and should be consulted. Mrs MW will visit Ken Miller to discuss a possible donation from the Fete Committee.
- **Health & Safety Report** – No report
- **Safeguarding Report** – Mrs MW reported that she had taken on the role of Parish Safeguarding Officer, following Mrs Sarah Baskerville moving from the area. CB said that Christopher Bell aided by Lizzie Geffen had taken on this role in Shackleford & Peper Harow.

- **Social Committee** – No report. Mrs MW said that Sarah and David Baskerville would be in Church on Sunday 20th January. It was agreed that there should be wine and plates of small bites after the service – RL, MW, CduP, JD, MD to supply. Mrs MW will supply a bouquet.
- **Churchwarden's Report** – circulated. CB commented that largely the same group of people came to the Study Groups. SM suggested the group meetings should be mentioned more in Church to try to encourage a wider audience with perhaps a neutral venue. It was also suggested that Study Groups should be held during the day rather than solely in the evenings when some people were perhaps reluctant to go out.
- **Deanery Synod** - Mrs MW said that it had been suggested to Clive Potter that the vacant position of Area Dean could be filled on a job share basis, which he had felt was a good idea. MC said the purpose of the position should be looked at.
- **Diocesan Synod** – MC reported that he had heard nothing regarding his continued attendance but would pursue it.

9. Any other Business

- It was decided that no Lent Lunch would be held in the Parish this year.
- MD reported that it was now a requirement of the Diocese that the Agendas and Minutes of PCC Meetings be publicly displayed. It was agreed that Agendas would go on the Notice Board prior to meetings and Minutes would be displayed on the website.

The meeting concluded with the Grace at 9.05pm

Date of Next Meeting

Wednesday March 13th at 7.30pm at The Dykeries, Eastbury Lane