

**PARISH OF ST NICHOLAS, COMPTON**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held at The Dykeries,  
Eastbury Lane, Compton on Wednesday 3rd July 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)**  
**Margaret Davies (MD)**  
**Judith Green (JG)**  
**Stella May (SM)**  
Mark Wilson (MW)

**Michael Chastell (MC)**  
**Cax duPon (CduP)**  
**Rosalind Lawson (RL)**  
Michael More-Molyneux (M M-M)

1. Prayers  
CB opened the meeting with prayers for the PCC and special thoughts for Hugh Dawes for his recovery after a recent spell in hospital, and for Pam Usher whose husband recently died.
2. Apologies for Absence  
Apologies were received from M M-M and MW.
- 3.. Minutes of the Meeting held on 8th May 2019  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th May 2019 were agreed as a true and correct record and signed by CB.
- 4 Matters Arising
  - a) **Deepening Discipleship**  
RL will progress discussions with John Adair with regard to giving a talk either in the Church or another venue. It was also suggested that Bishop Jo should be approached to come and preach/take a service.
  - b) **Committee Membership**  
CB to talk to Rosa Garratt re. verging duties. CduP offered to help with verging duties at weddings/funerals.
- 5 Charitable Giving  
LC said that donations for outward giving were markedly down particularly referring to Christian Aid down from £5-600 to £170. She felt that a speaker to project the chosen charity was important. A discussion followed and it was pointed out that there were fewer services, possibly smaller congregations in July and August and respect needing to be shown to those preaching. It was agreed that if there was not a speaker from the nominated charity, then the person who had suggested the charity should speak for a few minutes at the beginning of the services about its aims and the work it does. It was also noted that many churches are now using card readers for donations.
6. Reports of Committees and Officers

**Rector** – No Report  
**Treasurer's Report** - LC reported that:

(a) She had spoken (at length) to British Gas who will be billing her for £289.80 and removing a 'credit' of £1,200 which had been showing on the bill for some time.

(b) Wedding donations had been received up to £775.00 and two donators had particularly requested that the money go towards the renovation of the carpark. LC asked for PCC approval that further similar donations also go towards the carpark. This was approved.

(c) The half yearly accounts show income of £34,787 with outgoings of £39,086 i.e. a deficit of £4,299. MC commented on the continuing deficit, somewhat mitigated by donations and gifts. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that letters should go out to the congregation, both those on the Electoral Roll and regular attendees, encouraging them to give or give more. CB and Mrs. MW felt that the letters should have a positive tone and not focus completely on the loss of income. The setting up of a 'Friends' organisation was discussed and it was agreed that this was not uncomplicated and should wait until the future is clearer. CB, RL and Mrs. MW with LC's assistance will progress the letters.

**Fabric Report** – Car Park. RL reported that before any work can be carried out to the carpark, preliminary work needs to be done in relation to the hedges, i.e. cutting them back and clearing out some ash trees. The cost of this has been estimated at around £500.00 and the PCC authorised this expenditure unanimously. MC said that Andy Webb had obtained two quotations for resurfacing but with different criteria, and that the Diocese had offered to consider them and advise.

**Health & Safety** – Report already circulated. Mrs MW stated that a Health & Safety Officer was still needed, and was a legal requirement. Health & Safety responsibilities lie with the PCC as a whole, not solely on one person. Mrs. MW will put a request out for a volunteer in the Parish Magazine.

**Safeguarding** – Report already circulated. Mrs MW read out to the PCC a Statement of Safeguarding Policy issued by Guildford Diocese. This was adopted unanimously and signed by CB. A copy will be placed on the Church Notice Board, put on the Church website and confirmation of its adoption sent to the Diocese.

**Churchwarden's Report** – already circulated. Mrs MW also reported that following a meeting with the clergy, the planning of the schedule of services following CB's departure at the end of September was well in hand.

- Evensong will be moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. This will be publicised shortly.
- Stephanie Wilson will be asked to take over the running of the website.
- Jenny Lee will help with home communions.

**Deanery Synod** – no Report.

**Diocesan Synod** – no Report

7. Any Other Business

LC confirmed that she had sent a £50.00 donation to the Bell Restoration Fund.

The Meeting concluded with the Grace at 9pm.

Date of next Meeting : Wednesday September 4th at the Dykeries. APCM 19<sup>th</sup> April 2020