

Minutes of P.C.C. Meeting of St Michael & All Angels
Thursday 24 February at the Church on the Common at 8.00p.m

Present : Phil Preston (Chairman), Ann Gardner, Stephanie Gillingham, Steve Mack, Rosemary Lister, John Fowler, Sally Bevan

1. Opening prayer
2. Sally Bevan offered to take the minutes in the absence of the PCC Secretary.
3. Apologies for absence were received from Rev Andy Griffiths, Veryan Wilson and Sue Kitson.
4. The Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as a correct record, proposed by Steve Mack and seconded by Stephanie Gillingham. There were no matters arising not covered elsewhere on the agenda.
5. The Treasurer had circulated a financial report to PCC members prior to the meeting. It was suggested that the envelope scheme was more widely advertised to encourage committed giving. In previous years the cost of the necessary independent examiner for the accounts, namely £300, had been given as a donation but this would not be the case for the 2010 accounts and the PCC would have to bear this cost. The electoral roll was discussed at this point and it was emphasized that care would need to be taken when votes were counted at the annual meeting, particularly concerning the Big Project, that only electoral roll members voted, those not on the roll not being eligible to vote.
6. The Big Project : a Statement of Need had been circulated prior to the meeting. The statement will need to be approved unanimously at the next meeting. The aim was to “inspire, inform and justify” the Big Project. Thanks were offered to Phil and his team for all the work involved so far.
7. There following a short time of prayer.
8. Caroline Speed’s appointment as Youth and Community Worker was confirmed. She had taken up training in the Diocese. Stephanie had been responsible for her supervision up till now. In future appraisal should be by a member of the Staff team and of the PCC. Phil Preston will approach Sue Kitson to see if she would be prepared to carry this out. There will be an opportunity for both Caroline and the Staff team to review the three year contract after say 18 months.
9. The Future of Viewpoint. The Grapevine team were still keen to merge the two publications. It was suggested that there should be people from the church on the editorial board. Phil would approach Mike Arnold to see if he was willing to speak on our behalf. It was felt we needed a clear strategy concerning distribution, costs, editorial control etc.

10. Working with other churches : It was reported that West Hanningfield is happy with its present grouping, Great Baddow is in transition and we have not yet heard from Stock, Widford or St Luke's Moulsham. (Andy has been able to add information about the latter two parishes since the meeting).
11. The next meeting of the PCC is scheduled for Wednesday 23 March 2011.