

West Swindon and the Lydiards Church Partnership

Meeting of PC on Monday 21st May 2012 7:30pm

at St Mary's Stable Room

Present:			
Staff team	Anne Carter, Clive Deverell, Dick Gray (Chair), Tudor Roberts		
All Saints:	Jill Winson Mary Poole	St Mary's:	Mike Watson Pat Watson
Holy Trinity:	Janet Clarke	Toothill:	Dave Carter Gerry Hambridge
Treasurer	Sue Green	Westlea:	Julie Scarisbrick Chris Scarisbrick (PC Sec)
Apologies:	Peter Gilder, Craig Tranfield, Brenda Hicks		

1. Welcome

Dick welcomed everyone, especially our new recruits Jill, and Mike. The group briefly introduced themselves.

It was pointed out that it is our habit to meet at 7:30 for prayer and 8:00 for the meeting. This was not clear from the agenda notification. (Action Chris)

2. Act of worship

Chris read from Acts 1 – Jesus' ascension. The group sang "Rejoice, the Lord is King"

3. Apologies for absence

Pete Gilder, Craig Tranfield, Brenda Hicks

Present:

Dick Gray, Tudor Roberts, Mary Poole, Jill Winson, Gerry Hambridge, Janet Clarke, Sue Green, Mike Watson, Clive Deverell, Pat Watson, Julie Scarisbrick, Chris Scarisbrick, Anne Carter, Dave Carter.

4. AOB items to be declared

- Governors to replace Sue Green.
- Correspondence
- Building work (included at Agenda 13 Goals)

5. Elections and recognitions

Jill Winson (Churchwarden at All Saints LM) and Mary Poole (continuing deanery synod rep), both posts being ex-officio PCC, are co-opted to Partnership Council and will become trustees.

David Burch (Churchwarden at All Saints LM) is not willing to sit on Partnership Council but is PCC

David Ratnam no longer member, so no longer ex-officio PCC

Sue was elected Treasurer at Partnership AGM

PC Chair

No one else was willing to serve as chair of PC, so after some discussion Dick was re-elected.

Vice chair (chair of SC)

No candidates

Secretary

Chris willing to stand and was re-elected

Standing Committee reps

SC reps are either nominated by local churches or delegated by Partnership Council

Chris, Sue, Dick, Dave, Tudor will serve

Clive will seek a suitable willing candidate at SMLT

Email list

Those circulated with emails to PC@wswinlyd.org.uk include

David Burch (ASLM, and PCC) and Rev John Wiltshire, Methodist circuit sup.

It was pointed out that our denominational “parents” have a right to be represented and attend partnership Council meetings. It is especially important at the moment that the Methodist circuit know what is going on here, as we currently have no Methodist minister in the team.

6. Minutes

Agenda incorrect – Minutes of PC 16 Jan already approved at extra meeting 12 March

Partnership Council 12 March

(the Lydiard Milicent school meeting). Minutes accepted as accurate. (Action Chris: find and publish the minutes)

Partnership AGM 29 April reflection - DG

AGM reflection and acceptance of minutes. Accepted as accurate – edit up the > to “to” (Action Chris)

Notes from Standing Committee 30 April

Remove “Attendance was relatively poor” (Action Chris)

Action arising: Consider possibility of daytime group next year

7. Matters arising not elsewhere

Bounds were beaten – 33 miles! Thanks were expressed. A full report (and photos) will follow. (Action Chris)

Confirmation service was Excellent. Moving testimonies were given

8. Charity commission annual submission, New trustees – CS

The annual submission is done, accounts and report submitted necessary statements made, new trustees notified – Further details of trustees (address/postcodes DOB etc) will be added as soon as possible. (Action Chris)

9. Finances – SG

URC are taking a bit more than budgeted - direct debit should be changed to standing order. Methodists would like more. Baptists haven't asked yet. Income a bit behind plan. Outgoings almost to plan. Youth work ticking along nicely.

Manse fence needs replacing – quotes around £1400 somewhat above the budget we'd set, but no work done for some time. Group gave go ahead.

Toothill's quinquennial inspection will be done this year, by the Methodists. They will also include the manse (despite it being URC owned). URC will give 50% contribution towards the survey costs, if the report is shared.

10. Lydiard Millicent school – TR

Going ahead with application for Academy status, possibly as an umbrella group, participants TBC.

We've had a notification from the governors, requesting our formal approval (Action Chris to write and give permission to continue. PC still wishes to see a copy of the Trust Charter that currently applies.

Not an option at the moment for OT.

There was a brief (and inconclusive) discussion about the difference between Voluntary Controlled (eg Lydiard Millicent School) and Voluntary Aided (Oliver Tomkins Schools).

Background may be found at http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voluntary_controlled_school ,

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Voluntary_aided_school and http://www.adviceguide.org.uk/england/education_e/education_school_education_ew/types_of_school.htm#Local_education_authority_Education_and

11. Christians against Poverty proposal - AC

There was general enthusiasm for the concept. It would be good to liaise locally with several other church groups already working in this area

- Family Church at Shaw Ridge School (information from Link magazine), and

- AOG Discovery Church in Swindon (may be connected with AOG Wroughton)

Anne took some names of people who would be interested in either acting as supporters, or training to run the CAP money course. (Action Anne to follow up)

12. Staff – DG

Team lead

Dick will step back from trying to figure out any succession plan.

Anne's review

No strong recommendations. Staff team have discussed it. Minor concerns have been expressed primarily about workload expectations. DG will meet with Anne and discuss what needs to be done or changed to more effectively support Anne's ministry. (Action Dick, Anne)

Tudor's review

Tudor has had feedback, some of which was awkward. Tudor is taking advice. Actions by second half of year. Ongoing.

13. Goals 2012/13

Lay enabling planned actions – CD

Lots of courses coming up, Theology course may run at LM school at same venue with Alpha, Child protection training is being arranged with outside speaker, though probably multiple sessions needed.

Ministers have responsibility to recognise gifts and release folk. Encourage people to step out and step up, and sometimes get out of the way!

Buildings plans

SMLT wall paintings are currently being conserved. Scaffolding supposed to come down soon. The work itself is a tourist attraction. External works start shortly. Hope everything will be done by August.

HTS meeting with Swindon Borough Council to perhaps find some money to secure and section off the "Acorns end" of the building. Need £5000 or so for the work. Builders have been booked for the Autumn, in faith!

Toothill still working on projector and another water leak.

ASLM got approval to fit a portable toilet in the existing boiler room, along with a CO2 detector. The toilet fund is flush, no further fundraising needed there. They have also applied for a faculty for the projector system.

Youth and children's work

Youth leaders planning meeting takes place this Thursday.

ASLM Children in communion proceeding with permission. ASLM Easter holiday club was great

Toothill are doing a "Playday +1" for families with kids., involving a bunch of "Messy" things on Saturday followed by a "Messy" service on Sunday.

14.Vulnerable adults policy implementation – JS

Julie happy to act as partnership coordinator.

Vulnerable adult coordinators could be appointed by each church. The workload is pretty similar to Child protection coordinators role. Names to Julie please (Action All).

Procedures are all pretty much as known and understood for child protection. Forms and process, confidentiality and disclosure roles and responsibilities all similar. The "Safe to Grow" child protection documents are being worked over at the moment to update them and unify the approach between the two sets of process. Ongoing.

15.AOB

Governors OT

Two governors will be needed at Oliver Tomkins Schools once Sue Green (and another) reach the end of their terms. The school are looking for professionally capable people as the role can get somewhat complex. Many of our existing foundation governors are from churches not within the Partnership, we should try to make sure the Partnership is well represented. It was suggested to try the schools link team being set up at HTS...

Correspondence

Letter sent to Lydiard Tregoze parish council re Hook cemetery – they have replied with the intention of passing responsibility to Wiltshire.

CRB approvals received from Diocese for Susan Jones and David Burch. Notified to ASLM

16.Date of AGM 2012

28 April is decided – even though it's a 4th Sunday.

17.PC meeting dates

Mon 16 July at All Saints, Mon 8 Oct, Mon 21 Jan

Thanks to St Mary's for the use of stable room and refreshments

The meeting closed with the Grace, at 10:05