

West Swindon and the Lydiards Church Partnership

Notes from Standing Committee meeting

Monday 11th March 2013 7:30pm @ Sue's

1 Welcome

Present: Tudor, Sue, Dick, Chris

2 Apologies for absence

Tish has hospital appointment

Mark didn't get the email – Chris will update to markdownling@outlook.com

3 Finances

Its not as bad as the deanery may think,

Income survey will need explanation, and the spreadsheet to calculate intra-church budget allocation needs further explanation. Sue is on it.

Perhaps show Sues trend slides (with context) at the PAGM

Consolidated accounts have been sent to the accountant for checking.

4 Matters arising from PC 21 Jan

- Electoral roll update closing date 31 March
- Display new roll from 7 April
- SG4 Notice of APCM (P-AGM) 7 April or 14 April

Palm Sunday service is being organised at HTS. Ian B is preaching.

5 Manse

Electrical inspection has been done, there were issues. Chris will get in contact with contractor to find out what work is needed. Further quotes (for repairs known since quinquennial) not yet done. But the management agency seems responsive

6 Review

Dick has sent terms of reference to Jon Doble at ISR, with suggestions of who to contact initially.

ALSM committee concerned about lack of evident progress. Dick will chase ISR and find out what happens next, and likely when.

Perhaps we could start thinking about profile and a staffing consultative thingy in parallel Dick will talk to John Wiltshire (as likely Methodist outcome if any!)

7 Plans for AGM service

Not yet planned. Last year will be a template. Kids out - Dick will ask the messy folk. Dick will approach Sarah Taylor about music. HTS have been asked to organise coffee and biscuits afterwards

Intention being to celebrate lots of achievements

Chris to hassle the secretaries for reps and job holders for AGM list.

8 Annual report for 2012 First draft

Seems acceptable format. Some more contributions due this week. This meeting gives pretext to chase people. Clive will dictate his bits over the phone at his convenience (to be arranged). Chris is hoping to get a final-ish draft out for PC to check by this next weekend.

9 Chancel Repair Liability

Tina (and Andrew) from ASLM have significant research but cannot yet prove that there are no outstanding Chancel Repair Liabilities on local properties, for either All Saints or St Marys. Chris will prepare a precautionary resolution for PCC to pass at the first meeting

Background data:

Wikipedia Chancel Repair Liability

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chancel_repair_liability

CofE Q & A <http://www.churchofengland.org/about-us/our-buildings/churches/chancel-repair-liability-qas-2012.aspx>

National Archives leaflet

<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/records/research-guides/chancel-repairs.htm>

Charity Commission

http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk/Charity_requirements_guidance/Specialist_guidance/Faith/chancel_repair.aspx

In short, the framework for decision making by charity trustees means they must:

- **act within their powers** - this means:
 - only making decisions which **advance**, or support activities that advance, **their charity's purpose** for the public benefit
 - **using the correct procedures** - these may be those set out:
 - under the general law
 - specifically in the charity's governing document
 - under the established rules and procedures for dealing with issues of the kind under consideration
- **act in good faith and only in the interests of the charity**
- **adequately inform themselves**
- **take into account all relevant factors (their 'duty of consideration')**
- **disregard any irrelevant factors**
- **make decisions that are within the range of decisions that a reasonable trustee body would make**
- **avoid conflicts of interest.**

10 Goals and objectives for 2013

Add the review, delete buildings (2/4 pretty much done for now). Chris will update the draft annual report accordingly and circulate the proposals to PC for comment.

11 Other Business?

none

12 Dates

31 March is Easter Sunday – 5th Sunday do own thing

28 April P AGM as if 5th Sunday (substituting for March!)

First new PC meeting (after AGM) - Mon 20 May