

**MINUTES OF PPC MEETING**  
**On 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014**

**Present:** Fr Robert (Fr R), Mike Montgomery (Chairman) (MM), Martin Snell (Treasurer) (MS), Richard Arundell (RA), Krystyna Morgan (KM), John Berkley-Matthews (JBM), Philadelphia Whittaker (PW), Alan MacDermot (minute taker)

**Apologies:** Martin Morland (MMo), Sarah Howard (SH)

The meeting opened with a prayer.

3. Minutes of the last meeting (23<sup>rd</sup> September 2013)

These were approved (none against)

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

Progress on the exterior paintwork for the Parish Room was queried; this needs to be re-visited when Mark Shuldham is present

5. Reports

*Youth Group*

This has just restarted

*Social Group (KM)*

A tea party was held to thank Mary Denning on her retirement as the organist at Tisbury. There were 33 people present (slightly disappointing) and Mary was pleased both with the tea and with the cheque that was presented.

The Harvest Supper was also a success although there were fewer people than in earlier years. £202.40 was raised and the net amount will fund the Children's Party on 23<sup>rd</sup> February, especially the cost of the entertainer, which is significant.

*Finance (MS)*

Income exceeded expenditure on the current account by about £1000 over 2013. About £17,000 was paid out of capital, including £10,000 to the school and £5,000 to the cemetery, and the cost of decorating the Parish Room. Remaining capital is about £77,000

6. Fabric and Finance

*The Site*

There has been little progress pending the outcome of the Hindon Lane development. Fr Robert mentioned that the Chairman of the Parish Council, Patrick Duffy, was

particularly interested in modernisation of the sports field and pavilion, and therefore in the land adjoining it. Fr Robert suggested that he might be invited to a future F&F Committee meeting.

Fr Robert has established that there is no requirement for the Diocesan Trustees to maximise the proceeds from any disposal of the land.

### *Lady Chapel*

Considerable use is made of the Lady Chapel but the lighting is unsatisfactory. The bulb in the pendant light has been replaced three times in a year by Underwoods at the cost of about £40 a time. Underwoods have proposed a solution using LED spot lights to replace the pendant and the existing spots; the cost would be about £500, and the bulbs should last 5 years. It was agreed that this money be spent (Proposed Fr R, seconded RA, a majority in favour).

### *Tisbury Organ*

The builder has been out to address a problem of ciphering and was concerned about the safety of the organ. It is now fixed to the floor, but the builder recommends selling it.

## 7. AGM

*Date* – KM will try to book the Hinton Hall for any Thursday from 27<sup>th</sup> February onwards, and MM and Fr R will then arrange the details

*Topics* – Progress on the site (MM to summarise); Finance (MS to produce one-page summary as usual); Flat and Parish Rooms (ideally Mark Shuldham); Church developments (Fr R).

Last year's minutes to be loaded onto the parish web site (AM, ML) and referenced in the newsletter. Mass times to be addressed only if raised from the floor

*New committee* – MM would like to stand down as chairman. There will be vacancies. James Lock has volunteered to fill one. The committee was asked to encourage others to come forward. Perhaps any member resigning could nominate a replacement.

KM and the Social Group will provide light refreshments.

Fr Robert thanked the outgoing committee for their work

8. AOB – none

9 The meeting closed with a prayer.