**ST. PEGA’S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 0N 17th JUNE 2019**

**Meeting held in St. Pega’s Church**

**Present**  Mr. J. Carlin , Mrs C Dearman, Mrs P Gall, Mr. D Hankins,

Mrs J. Harris, Mr B Lever, Mrs S Lever, Ms T Roberts,

Miss F Neaverson,

Meeting chaired by Mrs S Lever

The meeting opened with a prayer

**Apologies**  Mrs P Cooke, Rev. M.- A. Tisdale

**Minutes** The minutes of the meeting held on 10th April 2019 were

circulated prior to the meeting. They were accepted and signed as a true record of

the meeting.

The result of the emergency consulation which followed receipt of the tenders for the re-roofing of the church was also formally signed. This resolution appointed the C.E.L group as our contractor.

**Matters arising**

Sheila Lever reported that the candle ring is not on the inventory so it can be taken down for repair when appropriate.

Following a request from David Hankins that minutes of P.C.C. meetings should be made more widely available it was agreed that in future they will be published on the village/church website.

**Appointment of co-opted member.**

Trish Roberts resigned as churchwarden at the annual vestry meeting but wished to remain associated with the work of the church. It was proposed by Sheila Lever, seconded by Penny Gall and passed unanimously that Trish should serve on the P.C.C as a co-opted member.

**Project Group requests**

At their last meeting, the project group requested that the P.C.C.

should make formal decisions about the following issues.

1. Although initially the plan was to replace only the parts of the roof from which the lead had been stolen the suggestion had been made that the whole roof should be done. Although this would increase the cost, some of the extra work had been identified in the last quinquennial review as a need for the future so in the long term it would be cost effective to have it all done at the same time.

It was agreed unanimously that the whole roof should be replaced.

This could cause a delay as Natural England had only given license to replace the lead that had been lost. The lead had been left where the bat roost is situated and this would have to be removed. Another bat survey has been scheduled for Sunday 30th June. There will be no cost incurred as we are registered with Bats in Old Churches.

Not for the first time considerable frustration was expressed at the delays which had been experienced and the huge amount of work which had been necessary in moving things forward. Heavy rain had leaked into the church, mainly in the vestry and the lady chapel. Fortunately , so far, none had affected the wall paintings. It was proposed and agreed unanimously that an application should be made as soon as possible for a faculty for the wall paintings so that delays in starting the conservation work could be kept to a minimum .

1. How should the money from Network Rail be used ?

It had been hoped before the need to replace the roof that the Network Rail money would have been used to help fund the other projects planned. However when applying for grants towards the roof replacement we have to be shown to be willing to spent the money we have already. It was agreed that we have to use however much of the Network Rail money we need to, after money received in donations and in grants has been spent.

3. There was agreement to accept the St. Pega’s Project draft masterplan as put

forward in April 2019.

**Correspondence**

A letter was received from the Diocesan Guild of Bellringers asking for support in the form of a small donation. This was agreed and the treasurer was asked to forward a donation to them.

**Treasurer’s Update**

The treasurer apologised that he was unable to give an update. He is still in the “hand over” phase with the outgoing treasurer and it is taking longer than expected for the necessary changes to be made with the bank and other agengies involved. At the moment he is only able to bank money.

A letter had been received from the Diocese as a reminder that nothing had been paid towards our parish share for this financial year. David will liase with Pauline Cooke to arrange how and when the payments will be made.

**Update on replacement of church roof .**

Dealt with under the item detailing the answers to the requests from the project group.

**Network Rail update**

Also dealt with under the project group item.

**Update on possible purchase of land for a burial site.**

Nothing further to report.

**Rector’s Update**

Rev. Mark-Aaron not present at the meeting to give his update.

**Forthcoming Events**.

7 th August at 2.0p.m. members of West Deeping Heritage group will visit for the St Pega’s Package. Proceeds to the roof fund.

19th Sept. Oundle and District U 3 A will also visit for the same package.

21st/22nd Sept. Harvest activities

Sunday Nov. 3rd Brunch in the village hall

**A.O.B** Trish Roberts reported that she has registered the church for the Hertitage open days.

David Hankins has read all the paperwork relating to the land in Foxcovert Rd. He recommended that we need to consider carefully what we might be obliged to do at the end of the Network Rail 5 year lease. John Carlin will also look at all the information and this will be made an agenda item for the next meeting.

**Date of next meeting**

Provisionally arranged for Wed 7th Sept 2019 at 7.0 p.m in church.

In the meantime e-mail contact will be made with P.C.C members if any urgent decisions need to be made.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 8.45 p.m.

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