

Friends of St Paul's Culham

Meeting Thursday 15th September 2005

Minutes

1 Present

Rob Kennedy (chairman), James Wilson-Macdonald (treasurer), Kath Pearce, Charles Reichardt, John Storrs (secretary), Carole Sutcliffe, Dr John Ward.

2 Apologies for Absence

Rev Edward Tildesley, Brian Bracher.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Accepted.

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Water Connection

On behalf of the PCC, Charles Reichardt reported progress with planning the water connection to the church. West Waddy, architects, have prepared a set of drawings showing external and internal work, and obtained quotes for the work on church property. The quotes - £2033 for the sink unit in the flower preparation corner of the church, and £1184 for external works to the churchyard boundary - were accepted by us. The quote obtained last year of £1734 from Southern Water for connection from the water main to the church boundary was also accepted. We requested that provision for hot water should be made, and John Storrs afterward provided information to the PCC about an under-sink water heater costing £100 which would be suitable. At a previous meeting we requested the provision of an external tap when water was connected. This will later allow the external water butt to be removed, and a drainpipe equivalent to the original to be fitted, to avoid a recurrence of the damp problems. An external tap should thus be provided. Provision should also be made to continue the cold water supply, perhaps into the tower, for further works at a later stage. Finally, the materials suggested by the architect for the sink unit worktop, doors and drawer fronts should be reviewed by the PCC and by us for their compatibility with the church interior before work proceeds. We undertook to bear the costs including adjustments, and asked the PCC to expedite the work. In preparation for eventual payment the Treasurer was asked to convert all Friends' investments to cash in the bank.

4.2 Outstanding Payment

Charles Reichardt reminded us that £ 370.60 of a payment agreed last year has not been received. The Treasurer apologised and said he would pay this immediately.

5 Any Other Business

5.1 Rev Edward Tildesley

We were informed that Rev Edward Tildesley was leaving, and thanked him in absentia for his work for the parish.

5.2 Christmas Carol Service

We discussed a repeat of last year's party after the Christmas carol service. Last year we lost money, and we decided that the effort this year would not be justified.

6 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 1st December 2005 at 8pm at the Lion, Culham.

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