

# Ivybridge Methodist Church Council

## Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2016, 8.00 pm at Ivybridge Minutes (version 'a')

### **Prayers**

The Rev Mark Lawrence opened the meeting with prayer

### **Present**

Miles Allen, David Bithell, Sara Bromage, Andrew Lawrie, Robin Duckering, Kate Duckering, Barry Jury, Carline Hodgson, Val Marriott, Carole Mitchell, David Moulder, David Rowe, Victor Abbott, Phil Blunt, Helen Martin

### **Apologies for absence**

Dawn Martin, Alison White, Chris Phillips, Corli Stanford, Carmen de Pablo, Mike Antonio

### **Any Other Business**

Items were gathered but the intention is not to have this item in the future

### **Approval of minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016 were signed

The minutes of the Extraordinary Church Council of 17<sup>th</sup> July 2016 were signed

### **Matters arising from minutes**

Phil's line management reverts to Rev Mark Lawrence

Now there is no Interregnum, but in the light of the Minister's workload, a discussion on the division of labour between the Minister and the Church must take place.

Points of Contact will be both Rev Mark Lawrence and Sara Bromage

Membership of the Church Council

All agreed on Tony Merriman's membership

### **Reviewing the Actions**

The Actions list was amended

### **Connexional and Circuit matters**

Newton Abbot, 10-4, Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October, District Training for Trustees. We are all members.

### **Finance**

A spreadsheet of finances was distributed

Over the last 3 years of expenditure and income, we have a £25,467 balance although some recent payments will change this slightly. The reduction of funds is mostly due to increased expenditure on the building, particularly the lift.

We are awaiting a tax refund of about £5,500.

The annual rental income has fallen by £3000 compared to the previous year. The rental agreement will be reviewed.

The minimum reserve of £21,500 is still met but we have recently lost some key givers.

During the last year our tithe giving and collection has been maintained.  
A list was attached to whom we give money.

Need the bank details of Open Doors

Action: Miles Allen

Action: ?who? to review giving

Andrew was commended for his presentation of the figures

Youth Vision Trust Finance

Not end of Year Accounts. Balance £27,177

Phil encouraged to claim his expenses

Still need to encourage people to raise their giving and to pay directly to the YVT

Phil asked whether some funds could be used to support costs to annual conferences as staff are need to support Health & Safety requirements. Phil works with Becky and four other helpers are required. The conference costs for all would cost something around £500.

This is agreed for this coming year.

Unanimous

Andy Phillips started a discussion on the use of private cars for work (ie when mileage is being paid) and the liability for providing insurance. The Church's potential liability was discussed. Further investigation is required.

Action: Andy Phillips

## **Church Life**

Pastoral

Current membership stands at 156 (one gain, one lost). There will be a further meeting tomorrow and thus a fuller report at the next Church Council.

The Minister asked for a wider pastoral list of children and house-bound people

Action: Carole Mitchell

A list of House Fellowships is being produced

Action: Helen Maddaford

The next Pastoral Meeting will precede the next Church Council.

Action: Carole Mitchell

Youth

Holiday Club over Half-term. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, 0945-1200

No normal Tuesday Coffee morning but maybe running alongside the Holiday Club to support parents

New After-School Club starting. Phil asks for volunteers. The meeting will happen at the Church from about 1645. Late Primary School children. Either Wednesdays or Thursdays.

Phil stated the numbers attending various meetings

The Minister and Phil will meet with the new Principal at Ivybridge Community College

Thanks to Phil and all his supporters.

Phil needs more female helpers

Caroline wanted Mark to know that prior to his and Phil's visit with new principal,

Rachel Hutchinson, that Caroline and Madeline Allen had been in contact with Sam Ball, member of staff at ICC, to look at xlm scheme - which is beginning slowly.

Kate held a conversation with Phil to highlight the liaison with YFC – Wednesdays and Thursdays – Rock Solid. There will be an Alpha at lunchtimes Wednesdays.

#### Safeguarding

The Minister will be the DBS Safeguarding Verifier. Sara Hladkij is the Safeguarding Officer. She will be invited onto Church Council

Vote to invite her onto Council - unanimous

#### Programme

- Review of forthcoming programme
- A number of baptisms and renewing of marriage vows before Ralph left.

17/18 September, Prayer weekend with about 100 people

Sunday afternoon – Songs of praise at Bittaford

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October, Harvest ... and Gift Day ... discussion on theme; Stewards thought the Church fabric was still important – Church Heating/ upgrade/ renewal at about £3,000 – unanimous

Food gifts went to refugees in Plymouth (and Shekinah before that). Perishable food is not required as much as it was. Maybe sleeping bags and whatever their list suggests.

Subset list from the Trussel Trust as Plymouth requires

Action: Notice and Stewards

ROC in Plymouth

24<sup>th</sup> September, Open House in Bittaford

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>, Love in a Box, Helen Skinner

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup>, Remembrance Sunday – as previous years with activity in the Church for those who don't walk up to the War Memorial

25/26 November, Advent Market

11<sup>th</sup> December, Compassion Service, Tim Robertson

11<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm Christingle – gifts to Action for Children

18<sup>th</sup> December, Carols in the evening – gifts to Children's Hospice SW

22<sup>nd</sup> (Thursday), Open House, 7pm – Mark Lawrence

25<sup>th</sup> 10am Service ... Christmas Gifts – gifts to Compassion;

Collections as part of the service not a retiring collection

#### Bittaford

Nothing new to report

#### Congregational Representatives

Ralph's CDs had sold and £375 was going to Compassion

#### Property

Report attached.

David Bithell reported that the Organ had been serviced

Our local Foodbank has made a donation of £500 to the Lift Repairs  
A discussion ensued on the use of the lift about use

Action: Andrew on costs and use

**Street Pastors**

Continues every Friday. More people need to become Street or Prayer Pastors.  
Despite requests, none have come forward so far.

**Bridge Project**

Caroline – On going with a meeting tomorrow

**Any other business**

**Sound Desk**

There were 7 people helping but now only 4 and thus there is an appeal for further help. The activity does not include controlling the sound for the Worship Group, only the radio and centre microphones.

Thanks to the Sound men & women.

The Church PC is showing signs of faults and we need to consider its replacement. Propose purchasing a new computer (£350-£500) and use current one as backup.

Agreed, unanimous

Action: David Rowe

**Defibrillator**

Joy Phillips suggested the purchase and deployment of a defibrillator outside the Church. They cost about £1000; the Town Council may contribute

Further investigation will be made with the British Heart Foundation and other companies.

Action: Property Committee

**Date and place of next meeting**

Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January, 1930

The meeting was closed with the Grace

## **Actions**

*Miles Allen*

To obtain the bank details for the charity, Open Doors ...

*Someone!*

To review Church giving ...

*Andy Phillips*

To report on the use and insurance of private cars for Church use ...

*Carole Mitchell*

To provide a wider pastoral list of children and house-bound people ...

*Helen Ma...*

To produce a list of House Fellowships ...

*Carole Mitchell*

To arrange the next Pastoral Committee meeting prior to the next Church Council ...

*The Stewards*

To produce a list of requirements of items for the Harvest Festival ...

*Andrew Lawrie*

To review the costs and operation of the lift ...

*David Rowe*

To replace the Church PC ...

*Property Committee*

To investigate the purchase and deployment of a defibrillator ...

*Victor Abbott*

To book the Café for the next meeting ... completed