

Minutes of the Upper Itchen Benefice Forum Meeting

Held on Monday 13th February 2017 at Old Alresford Place

Present: Rev. Graham Bowkett (Chairman), Jan Brookshaw (Associate Priest), Caroline Strudwick (Curate), Bruce Newson (LLM), Lenore Prideaux, James Stanley (Beauworth), Richard Cotton (Bramdean), Paul Raworth, Phil Brett (Cheriton), David Elton (Hinton Ampner), Alastair Gossage (Kilmeston)

In attendance: Gillian Gray Knight (Secretary); Julian Hartwell (Treasurer), Members of Beauworth, Bramdean, Cheriton, Hinton Ampner, and Kilmeston PCCs.

1.	<u>Welcome and Prayers</u> led by GB
2.	<u>Apologies for Absence of Benefice Representatives</u> None were received.
3.	<u>Minutes of the meeting held on 13th June 2016</u> were tabled, having been circulated. The minutes were approved and signed as a true and correct record of that meeting.
4.	<u>Matters Arising</u> 131016:8 Who Cares? GB reported that Steve & Annabel Peters had been on a training day. 11th March is another day for anyone interested. Parishes interested in taking part should go to a training day for guidance. An email from Steve with further information to be attached. The website address is www.whocareshampshire.org .
5.	<u>Rector's Report</u> was tabled, having been previously circulated (attached). No further comments were made.
6.	<u>Financial Report</u> and accounts for the year to 31.12.2016 were tabled, having been circulated (attached). There were no issues raised.
7.	<u>Deanery Report</u> Synod had not met since the last Forum meeting so no report available. Synod to meet again on 22nd February. Elections for Deanery Rep.s are coming up and GB encouraged all Parishes to appoint representatives. (Most Parishes may have 1 rep., Cheriton and Bramdean may appoint 2). GB had attended a recent Northern Area Team meeting and presented a variety of statistics regarding numbers of priests and parishioners and the effect on giving. Each parish was given their 'dashboard' results, which could be used when considering benefice/parish MAPs. All the information is available on the Diocesan website : www.winchester.anglican.org . Clare Welham had been appointed at Ropley and interviews for Arle Valley were about to take place. As for the Benefice Forum, all minutes and reports for Deanery will now be on the Benefice website for representatives to access.
8.	<u>Cafe on the Green</u> Although not strictly a Benefice activity, GB wished to take the opportunity to add his thanks to those already expressed to Simon and Penny Scott and Paul Raworth for their contribution to the success of the Cafe since its inception and was pleased to note that, although no longer directly involved in the day to day running, they would continue to serve as members of the Management Committee. (This committee is made up of representatives from the three parties involved in the Cafe, namely Cheriton Church, Cheriton Village Hall and Cheriton Shop).
9.	<u>Confirmation Service Saturday 15th April</u> Currently there is one candidate for the service at Winchester Cathedral. Others are welcome.
10.	<u>Visit to Lambeth Palace</u> GB currently unable to make any arrangements. This will continue to be pursued.

11.	<p><u>Date of the Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Monday 5th June 2017 in Old Alresford Place at 7.15 for 7.30 p.m.</p> <p>Further dates for 2017 : Monday 30th October ABCM : Monday 13th March</p>
12.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>a) The Lent Course will begin on Ash Wednesday and will be based on the film 'The Way' with associated book 'The Long Road to Heaven' by Tom Heaton ISBN 9781782792741</p> <p>b) PCC Safeguarding Policies: Parish Safeguarding Audits are to be submitted to Diocese by 1st April. Currently the power to maintain a Benefice policy has been delegated to the Benefice Council. GB proposed that this power revert to individual parishes. Seconded by Clare Chollerton. Carried unanimously. All information is available on the Diocesan website at www.winchester.anglican.org/safeguarding and the Diocesan point of contact is Jackie Rowlands.</p> <p>c) 3rd March meeting at Elton's Barn for Church Wardens, Treasurers and their spouses. Numbers tbc.</p> <p>d) National Churches Trust : David Templeman encouraged parishes to put information about their churches on the NCT website to encourage visitors. Contact sarah.crossland@nationalchurchestrust.org.</p> <p>e) Craig Robb asked about the rules regarding minors and bell ringing. All minors should be accompanied by an adult.</p> <p>f) Carl Stringer had also attended the 'Who Cares?' training day and thoroughly recommended it to any interested in getting involved with the initiative.</p>
13.	<p><u>Break for PCC Meetings</u> at 8.00 p.m. Beauworth - Chapel; Cheriton - Sumner Room; Bramdean - Courtyard Room; Hinton Ampner - Corridor; Kilmeston - Dining Room</p>
14.	<p><u>Forum Representatives Reconvene for Closing Discussion</u> at 9.30 p.m.</p> <p>None.</p>

There being no further business the meeting was concluded at 9.20 p.m.