

**WALTON CHURCHES PARTNERSHIP**  
**BROUGHTON AND MILTON KEYNES VILLAGE**

Annual General Meeting, 28 April 2016 at 8pm, Milton Keynes Village Hall

Present:	Sylvia Bennett Geoff Dawe Gill Farrow Barbara Hulse Matt Trendall David Hanley Joyce Fennell Wayne Webb	Pat Sawyer Ann Harris Dawn Bromley Moira North Jane Lee Ruth Maxey Lou Webber Patricia Rosewell	Carolyn Sanderson Brenda Nield Ann Beaton Kim Wong Alan Bird Ros Bird
Apologies:	Paul North Steve Potter	Keith Straughan	
Point	Action	By whom	
<b>1.0</b>	<b>Apologies, Opening Devotions and Welcome</b>		
1.1	Moira took the Chair as Vice Chair of WCP.		
1.2	Apologies as noted above.		
1.3	Rev Matt opened the meeting with prayers based upon the Anglican evening prayers service.		
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Minutes of and Matters Arising from the AGM of 23 April 2015</b>		
2.1	Moira noted that no Minutes of the 2015 AGM could be located and surmised that this was because it was from that meeting that the WCP functioned with a series of successive temporary ex officio Chair and Secretary and it appeared therefore that the duty of note taking had been unallocated. Moira confirmed that nevertheless that the Treasurer had laid the 2014 consolidated WCP Accounts before the meeting which had approved the appointment of David Harbey as Treasurer and herself as Vice Chair.		
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Worship Community Year</b>		
3.1	Each of the following made a short presentation of successes and challenges of the various congregations during the year:  St Mary's – Tricia Rosewell : successes include the Mum's Group run by Elise which reached out in particular to non-churched families; a series of Prayer walks had begun; a key challenge is to involve the regular congregation in Mission.  All Saints – Jane Lee: successes include the well attended monthly coffee mornings; childrens church on 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays which is growing steadily; the Journey's in Prayer evenings have been well received. Challenges include the need to find more helpers across the board; the coffee mornings as yet have not brought in non church members; worship survey attempted to test views of both regular and occasional attendees at services but had not enabled us to gain meaningful information from non- regulars.  CWW - Rev Ruth (by reference to slides) successes include the number of new participants at CWW services and events and deepening relationships with regulars; there is a mix of ages; moving towards services on each Sunday in the month; an outcome has been the spontaneous creation of Broughton & Brooklands Community Connection (non- faith based), being a group which will take on community initiatives. Challenges include the slow pace at which a new congregation matures so as to take on responsibilities and free up Ruth's time; the nature of current style of services and the nature of available venues is to a degree self- limiting; difficult to find supportive administrative structures which do not at the same time limit growth.  CTK – Rev Lou: also presented slides to highlight the work of the congregation during the year and expressed the wish that the partnership support the CTK congregations in particular during the coming interregnum and during the process of search and appointment of the new minister.		INFO

	<p>Rev Matt then gave a presentation based on the outcome of the workshops held earlier in the year aimed at developing a shared vision for the Partnership.</p> <p>Rev Lou led prayers for the continued development and successful implementation of the vision laid out in Rev Matt's presentation.</p> <p>Moira expressed thanks to the whole Ministry Team on behalf of all the congregations for all the work which they undertake on our behalf throughout the year.</p>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b>2015 WCP Consolidated Accounts</b>	<b>David Harbey</b>
4.1	David Harbey presented the 2015 Consolidated WCP Accounts.	
4.2	David explained that the WCP Accounts represent a consolidated position and are compiled from the individual accounts produced by the Treasurers of each congregation. They are subject to independent examination by the auditor (due to take place within the next few weeks) and will therefore be presented for formal approval at a later date.	
4.3	Overall a satisfactory year at all levels. Income has run broadly in line with expenditure and the results for the year showed an improving position as the WCP is no longer running at considerable deficit year on year. However there is no room for complacency as total income is still over reliant upon one-off gifts rather than regular giving.	
4.4	David plans to meet the individual congregation Treasurers in the next few weeks to review budgets for the year.	
4.5	Rev Ruth commented on the need within CWW for good support from the Treasurer as CWW ran with little or no structure.	
4.6	In particular Rev Ruth felt it would be helpful if she could arrange for donations to CWW to be paid into a designated WCP bank account. David Harbey agreed this proposal but pointed out that, notwithstanding, all such donations would form part of the general funds of WCP and would not be ringfenced to CWW.	
4.7	Tricia Rosewell proposed and Matt seconded the proposal which was passed without abstentions.	
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Appointment of Officers</b>	
5.1	Moira reminded the meeting that although the WCP had 5 officer posts (namely Chair; 2 x Vice-Chairs; Secretary & Treasurer) currently only 2 were filled, namely David Harbey as Treasurer and herself as Vice –Chair. No nominations had been received to any post.	
5.2	Moira and David confirmed their willingness to stand again in the current year but Moira reported that David had given notice that (after several earlier attempts to stand down) he would cease to act as Treasurer with effect from 31 December. On behalf of the Ministry Team and the whole WCP, Moira expressed her sincere thanks to David for all his hard work and the excellent advice and service he had given over many years.	
5.3	Moira reported that in consequence (in part) of David's decision to stand down, she had decided also to resign as Vice Chair with effect from 31 December, on the basis that otherwise she would inexorably become by default quasi- Chair, a post which she didn't feel called to fulfil.	
5.4	Moira therefore asked for prayers and the attention of all members of the WCP to the need to recruit a new team of officers within the next 6 months.	
5.5	In the circumstances Moira suggested that it was unnecessary to take a vote as such on the continued appointments of herself and David and asked if anyone present objected. No-one did and therefore their appointments were approved by default.	
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Staffing within WCP</b>	
6.1	Baptist Ministers Post	
6.1.1	Moira reminded the meeting that the Baptist Minister was employed by the WCP and therefore it was important to note the process to be followed and agree the composition of the search group.	
6.1.2	An external moderator is usually appointed in the case of Baptist Minister appointments and therefore is recommended in this case: Moira reported that, having been recommended to Rev Ruth Bottoms, a Baptist Minister with much experience in acting as an external moderator, initial contact had been made and an indication received of her willingness to act.	
6.1.3	A search committee is required which must necessarily (because of the need to involve representatives of the whole WCP as well as CTK itself) be somewhat larger than might otherwise be regarded as ideal. A committee comprising 6 representatives of WCP and 6	

	from CTK.	
6.1.4	Once the search committee has been formed and the external moderator appointed, the whole committee prepares a profile and personal specification; the post is advertised; applications reviewed and prospective candidates interviewed. The important point to be noted is that whilst the committee recommends the candidates, it is the CTK congregation which appoints the minister.	
6.1.5	Proposed composition of the search committee: Moira reported that to date the following persons had agreed to act: WCP – Rev Matt; Revs’ Ruth or Keith Straughan; Sr Yvonne plus 1 from St Mary’s; Moira for All Saints and 1 from the Catholic congregation. CTK – Steve Potter (who had also agreed to act as secretary to the group); plus 5 others to include 2-3 stewards and 2-3 members of the congregation.	
6.1.6	Brenda Nield expressed concerns regarding the size of the group. Moira agreed that it appeared at first glance to be unwieldy but as it was important that WCP be directly involved in its own right (being the employer of the Minister) it seemed inevitable that there be a large committee. Moreover it was essential that the Ministry Team be involved. Moira expressed the hope that in agreeing its “modus operandi”, the committee may settle upon a smaller working party which could do most of the heavy lifting required which would prevent matters becoming unduly hampered by “red tape”.	
6.1.7	The said proposal to form a search committee was proposed by Rev Ruth and seconded by Pat Sawyer and on a show of hands was approved unopposed.	
6.2	Manse Working Group : Twinflower	
6.2.1	Moira reminded the meeting that, for some time past, members had expressed concerns that the accommodation provided by Twinflower was lacking in a number of respects when compared to the facilities recommended in properties to be used as a manse.	
6.2.2	David Harbey had kindly agreed to research the options and had prepared a draft Action Plan as a basis for decision making.	
6.2.3	In the first instance however, a working group was required which could review the outline plan put forward by David and then come up with a series of options (not decisions) which the WCP could consider.	
6.2.4	David spoke to the motion pointing out that until the identity and needs of the new minister were known it was not possible (apart from the other constraints such as finances, etc) to come to any firm decisions. The point of the exercise however was to ensure that the WCP was not obliged to rush into any decisions once the new minister was selected and had had full opportunity to consider all possible options well in advance.	
6.2.5	Working Group composition: Peter Laws had agreed to chair the group and to date the following had agreed to become members of the group: Steve Potter; Brenda Nield; Sarah Crane; Ope Ayileye. Rev Matt and DWH were willing to be ex officio members as reps for WCP.	
6.2.6	The said proposal to form a working group was proposed by Carolyn Sanderson and seconded by Patricia Rosewell and on a show of hands was approved unopposed.	
6.3	Pioneer Post	
6.3.1	Rev Matt explained that the MKBC had proposed that Wavendon School be relocated to a new site within the area of the new housing development at Eagle Farm South. The Anglican Diocese had expressed willingness to fund a post for a new minister to include the provision of a house on the estate. This would be a development post (similar to Rev Ruth’s post). The post would form part of Walton Parish and therefore sit within the WCP.	
6.4	Trainee Youth Post	
6.4.1	See item 7.	
7.	<b>Youth Work within WCP</b>	
7.1	Rev Matt and Rev Ruth gave a short presentation on the youth groups, Rock Solid (14-18 age range; held at CTK but open across the WCP and with typical attendance of 15-20) and Youth Club (year 5 upwards). Both were growing well but would be very much boosted by the addition of a specialised youth minister.	
7.2	Rev Matt reported that (if a trainee could be appointed) the post would run from September 2016. Our interest was advertised and the process will close in June. Funding is in place for the costs of the post.	
8.	<b>Congregational Representatives to WCP and Mission Partnership.</b>	
8.1	A minimum of 2 reps per congregation to each body is sought.	
	Proposal:	

	Mission Partnership:	
	Ann Harris & Carolyn Sanderson(All Saints)	
	Anthony Tull; Lisa Rowe & Anne Beaton (St Mary's)	
	Sarah Crane CTK	
	WCP	
	Rachel Jenkins & Brenda Nield - CTK	
	Brian Quentin & Moira North – All Saints	
8.2	The appointments were proposed by Rev Matt and seconded by Rev Ruth and on a show of hands were approved unopposed.	
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9.1	DWH commented that these were not within his remit and were usually handled by Steve Potter. However this is a dormant company.	
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10.1	No matters were brought forward	
11.	Closing Devotions.	
11.1	Rev Ruth led the final prayers.	