

ASV Council Meeting 21st October 2016 1000h at Thiré

10.6.1. **John** lead us prayer to open the meeting, asking for guidance in our deliberations.

10.6.2. Apologies for Absence were received from Maggie and Geoff Kent, Toni Chandler and Mike Mylod was excused as no one could contact him over the change of venue.

10.6.3. Present were Barbara and Robin Kenyon, Polly Ward, Suzanne Patterson, Richard Rackham, Doug and Chris Green, John Matthews, Keith Fowler, Colin Grimshaw, and Jo Collinson.

10.6.4. Minutes of the previous meeting on 22nd August and were accepted as a correct record . Duly signed by PW.

10.6.5. Matters arising.

Keith asked about the sharing of the profits from the Autumn Bazaar and proposed a **50-50 share**. This was accepted with all in favour.

Keith also asked about the procedure for voting in the President, when there wasn't a priest? Doug explained that as we have to conform with French Law and as we are part of the Association Culturel, we automatically appoint the senior Church Warden as vice chair and thus it follows that they are vice President and will take the chair should the need arise. The system will be on the Agenda for the next AGM.

Barbara Kenyon is therefore the President of All Saints Vendée and the Association Culturel. The prefecture to be informed. RR

Chris Green asked if **Ann Condie** had accepted the role of **Safeguarding Officer**. **Polly W.** will talk to her on Sunday.

Doug Green said that a new email and password had been set up and **Maggie Kent** had the details.

Utility Bills, Suzanne gave the readings to **Richard R.** and he will ring them in to the correct departments.

Suzanne P. will pay the Paysagiste for his work and **Richard R.** will contact them re on going control of the land and the cost.

Barbara will check with the Estate Agent regarding the possible sale of the land as nothing seems to be happening with regard to the Mairie.

Richard has the Vestments (donated by Herbie.) and has spoken to Rev Tim Bravington about them and will put them in a wardrobe at the vicarage for his use.

10.6.6.a. The Finance sub-committee are recommending "**Option B**" as our way forward in selecting a new Priest. It is certainly the least expensive. **Doug G.** proposed the motion and **Keith F.** seconded. **All in favour**

We now have to wait for the **Appointments Pack** and appoint 2 lay people, 1 from the West and 1 from the East.

10.6.6.b. The Vicarage. The transfer of the furniture from the neighbours of **Stuart and Jacqui** has been organised and a **donation of €150** for the furniture will be given. **Suzanne P.** will get the payment details. The furniture from **Maureen Willis** will be collected, though the settee will probably be too large for the job. **RR dealing with it.** **Jo C.** thanked all concerned for their work.

10.6.7. Treasurers Report. **Suzanne P.** presented her report and asked about the way we pay from the UK account and how we keep it solvent. **Keith F.** suggested a letter to 2nd Home owners to see if they could help with gift aid/tax benefits. **Chris G.** said we should ask all the congregation to consider regular gifting. A Stewardship campaign will be on the **Agenda for the next ASV council meeting.**

Suzanne P. has drawn the expenses for the new Locum and passed it to. **RR to give to Tim B** when he picks him up from **St Malo on 3rd Nov.**

10.6.8. Bishops Advent Appeal. **Chris G.** said that we are always asking the same people for donations. **Polly W.** suggested the collection from the Carol Service. **Chris G. proposed and Jo C. seconded** that we take no action. **All in favour.**

10.6.9. Ministry Team. John gave the dates for the **next Evensong, 30th October at 4pm at Puy de Serre. It will be the Patronal Festival.** NB. there will also be a **Patronal Festival at LCP on the 6th November**, which will also be the first service of **Tim Bravington.** This followed by a **“bring and share lunch”** to which he and his wife are invited and have accepted. The Christingle Service is in hand and Maggie K. is collecting all the necessary, candles etc. from UK. These will be distributed asap. (They are also free of charge, having been sent to a UK address.)

Christian Unity Week is 18th to 25th Jan. There will be services at both Churches, Jo C will speak to the RC priest over in the west. John will lead the service at PdS.

10.6.10. Letter to the Arch Deacon. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided to await the reply from the Arch Deacon and act on it.

Maybe a way forward is to have sub committees representing the East and West and during the interregnum have more regular council meetings, put on to the Web/Grapevine that there will be a meeting and if there are items for the agenda, please submit to a council member.

10.6.11. Social Events. **Polly W.** announced that there will be an **Italian Evening at PdS** to welcome Tim and his wife, Rosemary, on **Friday 4th November. Cost €10, 1730 start**, please let Polly know for the catering.

Quiz on 28th October at PdS

10.6.12. AOB. a. There is a possibility of a Locum for Easter.

b. **Keith** told us about the Patronal Festival at LCP. (see Ministry Team items.)

c. **Message from Jacqui S-J** regarding the Web site and her computer difficulties. It was felt that we didn't pay the web manager his full worth and this should be looked into. Also it was proposed that we buy a new laptop for the Grapevine publication and a separate hard drive to make sure we have full back-up. This was agreed and an item for discussion about the web site to be on the next agenda.

10.6.13. Date of next meeting was set for 14th November at Thiré, 1000h.

10.6.14. Dates of Absence :-Suzanne P. 15th Nov for approx. 2 months (convalescing), **Colin G.** 18th to 30th Dec, **Doug and Chris.** 20th Dec to 11th Jan. **RR** 3rd Dec to 3rd Jan.

10.6.15. We closed at 1240, We held hands around the table and said The Grace.