

HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

The Hall Management Committee held three meetings last year as per the church meetings schedule.

Tim had chaired the Hall Management Committee in recent years so our first meeting was chaired by Ian Kirkwood with Barbara Lucas, Cherie Skidmore, Danny Maloney and Martin Chapman. John Rawson had stepped down and Gail McHardie Jones had been nominated by the PCC to join the committee but was unable to attend the first meeting.

It was agreed that during the vacancy the committee would meet as scheduled and appoint a chair from the committee at each meeting. I chaired the next two meetings.

The larger items discussed and resolved during the year were:

- Planning and managing the bookings for the Playgroup and the other users to schedule the work needed to repair the squirrel damage to the electric cables in the ceilings. Cherie arranged that the electrical contractors work was done during the Playgroup Easter holidays and at later times for plastering and painting work.
- Liaison, planning and arrangements were required for safety for asbestos removal for the boiler project to be done during the Playgroup half term holiday.
- After the resignation of our church cleaner this job was covered by church staff and volunteers for a short time until our new cleaner, Sue Langford, was able to start and during her recent sick leave.
- Danny Maloney, our new Parish Centre Caretaker, has worked hard to learn the details of the job and is happy with his flexible working pattern and his contribution is valued.
- Hall hire charges were increased in line with inflation as recommended by the Church Treasurer.
- Christmas was planned without a Maggies concert, but at the last minute they asked to re-book with the College Preparatory School and Richard Pate School as the Cheltenham College Chapel was closed suddenly for urgent repairs.
- Repairs and improvements continue, including paint work repairs and fitting liquid hand soap dispensers in the toilets.

With the increased work load due to the high level of bookings for the Parish Centre we believe that three meetings per year at four month intervals is insufficient and propose to that we meet six times per year in the future.

Martin Chapman & Cherie Skidmore