

The Deanery of Stamford
Uniting in Christ to Serve Christ and to Proclaim Christ

Minutes of the Deanery Synod Standing Committee Meeting
on 19 April 2013 at 10.00am at All Saints Vicarage

Present:

The Very Revd Mark Warrick (Clergy Chairman), Revd Martyn Taylor, Philip Dale (Deanery Treasurer) and Michael Mills (Deanery Secretary).

1. The meeting opened with a welcome and prayer.
2. Apologies for absence (due to short notice given for meeting): Revd Carolyn Kennedy,
3. Deanery Standing Committee Meeting of 12 March 2013.
 - a. Adoption of the minutes. It was agreed that the minutes would be considered at the next meeting of the Standing Committee.
 - b. Any matters arising would therefore be considered at the next meeting.
4. Financial Report.

Philip briefly addressed his financial report (circulated earlier) and the points were noted.
5. Review of status of application for support from the Missions Initiatives Fund for Associate Minister post at Christ Church.

The meeting was briefed by Martyn and Mike on the recent visit of Simon Bland (on the Secretariat for the diocesan “Implementation Panels”) to Stamford. Simon had suggested that the application might be rewritten to request funds for a full-time lay deanery-level position for the support of the churches’ social programmes, and that the current half post (for the Operations Manager) be released and reassigned towards the cost of a full-time Minister for Christ Church. (If this were to be done, then the Deanery might possibly also consider merging that half post with the current half post for a Minister for St Mary’s and St Michael’s).

The Standing Committee considered the suggestion made by Simon Bland, but felt that it might be better first to go back to the Bishop himself and to argue again for the original proposal that had been made. It was noted that the original application had not yet been seen by the Bishop, that the diocese is in a transition situation, and that the original plan had been based on considerable planning and discussion at the local level in Stamford.

After some discussion, it was decided that the original application should indeed be resubmitted (with a suitable covering letter) to the Bishop. The letter would be signed by the Secretary to the Standing Committee, and hand-carried by the Rural Dean who would soon be meeting the Bishop anyway. Once there has been a further response from the Diocese, then consideration could be given by the Standing Committee to the best way forward.

6. Dates for Future Meetings:
 - Deanery Standing Committee (meetings are at 10:00 at All Saints' Vicarage):
 - Tuesday 18th June, 2013
 - Tuesday 22nd October, 2013

- Deanery Synod (meetings are at 19:30):
 - Monday 22nd July, 2013 (at Uffington)
 - Tuesday 19th November, 2013 (at Christ Church)
- Diocesan Synod:
 - Wednesday, 10th July, 2013
 - Saturday, 28th September, 2013
 - Saturday, 9th November, 2013

7. The meeting closed at 11.40am with the Grace.