

PCC MINUTES 1934-1949

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Dec. 1938 Public Conveniences - Strong protest made to Margate Town Council about their proposal to build the Public Conveniences immediately outside the gates of the Parish Church! (Underlining in red ink!)

April 1939 Col Spencer retired as Vicar's warden through ill health -
E.F. Cockburn replaced him
People's warden Alfred Walker for the first time.

Sept 1939 Approval for the Acol Committee to enlarge the Acol Institute.
The church clock had been cleaned and repaired by the makers -
Messrs Gillett & Johnston of Croydon at a cost of £18 10s.
Position regarding Church Schools held in abeyance "owing to the
War"
Parish Parties would recommence on Oct. 5th, concert to be given
by the **Czech Refugees** - October 1st would be observed as a Day of Prayer &
Intersession in accordance with the directions of the Archbishop.

Nov. 1939 Parish Magazine Committee closely studied finances - in view of
economic conditions resulting from the war they would continue but with cut
backs where possible. (Very few magazines have survived from the war time,
though it is evident from the few that others were printed.

Feb. 1940 Vicar praised parishioners for how they had reacted to the war and
indicated his confidence in them for whatever the future held.

Apr. 1940 Deaths of Col Spencer and Major Powell Cotton since last meeting
Vestments - Vicar celebrated his first anniversary as Vicar of A. S.
wanted to introduce vestments - would wear then at the 12.15 Eucharist each
Sunday - PCC agreed to permit this innovation.
No further meetings till -

Apr. 1941 Electoral Roll - 746 members
Next meeting was -

Aug. 1941 **Police Box** - Complaint about state of sandbags at rear of the
Police Box beside the Churchyard wall in the Square - suggested a temporary
wall instead, to be removed at end of hostilities.
Presentation to Rev. D. G. Reeve and Miss Vera Le May for
approaching marriage
Next meeting was -

Mar. 1942 Electoral Roll - 749 members
Vicar's School (as it was affectionately known) would shortly be
coming to an end, due to the re-opening of the elementary schools. The
numbers in his school had risen from 15 to 133 during the past two years. The

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work for this school had been a great joy to him - and he thanked all the voluntary teachers who had assisted him in the work - and the parents who had supported him so splendidly.

May 1943 Bishop Ellicott grave - asked Gloucester Diocese if they would fund repairs and cleaning of the Bishops grave - short answer was "No".

Aug. 1943 Vicar's father (and his wife) were retiring from Rectory of Barming to Birchington and he would be happy to help out as an assistant curate.

Old Vicarage - Proposed selling it and buying house at the north east corner of Albion Road (No: 68) - "The Homestead"

April 1943 Electoral Roll - 757 members

Nov. 1943 Cost of new Vicarage £2,250
Next meeting was -

Mar. 1944 Electoral Roll - 753 members

May 1944 Returning troops - Vicar asked that Council thought very seriously about these men when released from war service and any ways in which the Church might be able to help.

June 1944 War Memorial for 1939 War discussed. Decided to erect a temporary shrine in All Saints Church. It was to be a table on which stood a book. The names of both those serving in the forces as well as the fallen were to be entered. There was also to be a prayer stall for those who wished to offer their prayers at that spot. A fund had been opened to provide for a suitable permanent memorial later, "details of which will naturally be left until the end of the war."

Oct. 1944 Bells - Proposed that Messrs Mears & Stainbank be asked to examine the bells at All Saints Church and prepare an estimate for work to be done.

Boiler causing trouble - developed a leak.

Jan. 1945 Fete - would again be held on Whit Monday 20th May
Bells - only No 4 bell needed a new headlock - cost £2
Almshouse land - Mr Albert F. Pantony asked if he could buy the land at the rear of the County Council yard in Park Lane.

Feb. 1945 Film Shows - Proposed that Church House be wired for "Cinematograph apparatus" - decided to get expert advice first. **

** This is an odd decision, because the hall was licensed to show films in the early 1930s, licences being issued by Birchington Parish Council, disbanded by Margate in 1935.

Mar. 1945 Electoral Roll - 756 members

- Apr. 1945** Whit Monday - Fete
Evening entertainment - "Go to Blazes!" in Church House
- Jun. 1945** Fete - Net proceeds from = £200
Alms House land - agreed to sell
- Oct. 1945** Alms House site - Mr Albert Pantony offered £50 for it - agreed to accept
Bishop Ellicott grave - get an estimate and send it to Gloucester Diocese - "for their consideration"!
- Mar. 1946** Electoral Roll - 765 members
- Oct. 1946** Albert Hodges (headmaster of Woodford House School said that should the school cease to exist, (prophetic words!!) the war memorial for the Old Boys who had died in 1914-18 War would be transferred to All Saints Church. Also suggested that a memorial to those who'd fallen in the 1939-45 War - possibly in the form of a stained glass window should be placed in the church.
Alms House site money invested in 3½% War Stock
Lightening Conductor to be examined at cost of £2.
Graveyard plan - absence of this bothered the vicar - God's Acre Committee to look into proposal
Cycle shed for worshipers' bikes - site to be suggested by Comm.
- Jan. 1947** Lightening conductor - Messrs F. W. Bacon, repairs to cost £40 - agreed
Plan of Churchyard - decided that a duplicate plan of the graveyard by Mr Gambrill be made and put in the church safe
- Mar. 1947** Church cleaning - voted that offer of Mrs Jones and two friends to do the cleaning of the church for 1/6 an hour for four hours a week
- Apr 1947** Cycle shed - decided to drop idea until finances are in better shape!
- Mar. 1947** Electoral Roll - 758 members
- Aug. 1948** Church House repairs - needed urgently - list added up to £250 - a huge sum at that time. Suggested that if 100 people could promise 1/- a week the debt would be cleared in a year. Decided they must go ahead with work.
- Feb. 1949** War memorial - suggested it was an oak board placed within the North Door space and should contain the names of all the men & women who were domiciled in Birchington at the time of their deaths or left a home here or worshipped regularly in one of the Birchington Churches.
- May 1949** Chancel screen - proposed removing it - put on hold for the time being, needed to consult Diocesan advisory committee.