

Minutes of PCC meeting on Zoom April 6th 2022

Prayers led by Janet Bird.

Present; Janet Bird (Chair) Rev Canon Jo Loveridge, Martin Penny, Mary Penny, Andrew Belfield, Verity Tranter, Andrew Povey-Richards, Lisa Meakin, Nerine Chalmers and Colin Bird.

1 Apologies were received from Helen Briggs and Wendell Newbold.

2 The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record.

3 Matters arising.

- i) Jo reported two resignations from the PCC. These were Rosemary Bolton and Dorothy Toyn and were in response to the handling of the storage request from Hertford Choral Society. The North Porch will not be used for storage, but the “bespoke infill boxes for the sanctuary steps” are now stored in the Memorial Chapel, and HCS music library is upstairs in the Hall. Thanks were offered to Dorothy Toyn and Martin Penny.
- ii) Q Was a letter sent to the Archdeacon after the PCC discussion on repetition of Safeguarding training requirements? A No but the situation has been raised at the highest level.

4 Finance. Colin Bird, Treasurer proposed the circulated accounts and budget to the PCC, explained some aspects and took questions. Lisa Meakin seconded his proposal, and all voted to approve them. Thanks were offered to Colin.

5 Sustainability

- i) Colin reported that Alastair Woodgate has been in contact with the Diocese on our behalf, but all movement is currently slow.
- ii) A Rocha. (Eco Church, a branch of A Rocha UK, aims to encourage churches to express care for God’s world through their worship and teaching, through the way they care for their buildings, how they engage with their community and their consideration of life.) Julia, Fiona, Jo and Nerine met to fill in the survey provided by A Rocha, which indicates strengths and weaknesses. PCC members were invited to join this steering group which will now look at the very comprehensive resources provided by A Rocha to consolidate and improve the way we promote and respect our environment. Janet and Verity offered to join the group.
- iii) Friends of All Saints. Lisa referred to the previously circulated notes of a meeting on March 11th. Help with publicity for a launch was offered by Martin. Chair thanked Lisa.

6 Fabric.

It was noted that the memorial garden walls are crumbling.

Martin as curator of the organ reported water damage that has silenced 3 of the largest pipe rank that is situated against a wall. A report from the tuner was awaited.

It was noted that the Memorial Chapel is not part of the paid for cleaning.

7 Events.

The Wardens reported on our successful Coffee Mornings with environmental talks, the need to plan dates with other churches' events in mind, and their hope to now restart social gatherings with food.

8 MAP

Jo reported that our Mission Action Plan is quite short because we are trying to recover from the restrictions of Covid. PCC asked for it to be on the All Saints website and they will offer feedback.

9 Succession / APCM

The two Wardens and the Treasurer will continue to serve All Saints. PCC was asked to contact Jo with ideas for recruiting new members. There will be a Bring and Share Lunch after the APCM on April 24th.

10 Hall Sub-Committee.

Nerine reported that there had been a constructive meeting, and thanked Megan, Mario, Martin, Colin and Nick for working together on the booking system etc. (Martin explained that improving the booking and payments is still in process.) Colin reported that the Hall treasurer needs a new system to aid the book-keeping, and he hopes that some investments in the Hall Fabric can now be planned.

11 Health and Safety.

Richard reported that there was nothing to report.

12 Safeguarding.

Andrew reported that there was nothing to report. He reminded members that the domestic abuse training was required by July.

13 Lay Leader application.

Jo proposed to PCC that they approve Martin Bird's application to join the diocesan training course. Members fully support this.