

Minutes of the All Saints PCC Meeting Wed 28th September 2022.

Present. Helen Briggs, Martin Penny, Linda Dye, Lisa Meakin, Andrew Povey-Richards, Nerine Chalmers, Rev Jo Loveridge, Colin Bird, Andrew Belfield, Janet Bird, Mary Penny.

Prayers were led by Janet Bird.

Item 2, Sustainability was taken when Alastair Woodgate, BA Hons. MRICS, the Diocesan Surveyor arrived. The minutes of that section are commercially confidential and are recorded as a separate section.

1. Apologies were received from Verity Tranter.
2. Sustainability; Confidential Part 2.
3. Minutes from July 27th. Part one was already circulated and was approved. Part 2 (confidential) was read to PCC and was also approved.
4. Matters Arising. A safeguarding course has now been completed. The removal of old pianos is in hand.
5. Finance. Colin reported that we are able to fund the budgeted deficit for this year, but next year will be more difficult. The Hall now has an operating surplus.
There was discussion regarding rising gas prices. Colin confirmed that due to volatility, our first indication will be when the bill for gas comes. PCC understands that heating the Church is essential to the concerts we promote.
In answer to a question about deterioration to the Fabric and contents if heating was discontinued, it was suggested that PCC make an explanatory print-out available.
6. St. John's Hall. Nerine reported briefly on the minutes of a Committee Meeting on September 15 (minutes were sent to PCC members after the PCC Meeting).
Thanks were expressed to Mario Jorge.
The new booking system is not yet running.
A request for a general survey came to PCC who discussed it and decided it was a good idea in principle and should wait until PCC has received the awaited Church's Quinquennial report.
7. Fabric. The Quinquennial survey has been done and we await a report.
Janet reported that sound system research is in process. Jo suggested that a gathering of Sides people planned for training on the Evacuation Plan should also include support in the use of the current sound system.
Janet also reported that the recent window smashing at All Saints has now been classified by the Home Office as a hate crime.
A piece of masonry has fallen recently near the Meeting Room window.
Martin reported that the repair to the Organ is completed and paid for, and the architect inspected the roof above it (where water came in) during her Quinquennial visit.
PCC received a quote from our builder to both replace all the bulbs that are dead in the nave and change others. LED bulbs will be used. PCC discussed the quote for replacement of spotlights in the Meeting Room, and in the light of current financial difficulties it was decided to continue to use the room with only the overhead strip lights.
Our bank has requested that we collect from them a safety deposit box that they have stored for many years. The Vicar will do this.
8. Fire Risk Assessment. The boiler room access must have a padlock and chain and there must be a notice placed there.

9. Events up to Christmas. The Church's diary is well-filled with events during Oct, Nov, and December.
10. Health and Safety.
There was nothing to report.
11. Safeguarding.
There was nothing to report.
12. Dates of future meetings are circulated.
13. AOB. No AOB was requested.
Meeting ended at 21.25.