

## Minutes of PCC meeting Wed. March 29<sup>th</sup> 2023

Present; Colin Bird, Janet Bird, Lisa Meakin, Helen Briggs, Verity Tranter, Lay Chair, Mary Penny, Martin Penny, Samantha Bowden, Linda Dye.

1 Apologies; Andrew Belfield.

2 The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The confidential minutes were read to PCC and accepted.

3 Matters arising. Lisa Meakin will step down from PCC at the APCM. Following the removal to Scotland of Andrew Povey-Richards. Emily Belfield will replace him as Safeguarding Officer. (proposed by Verity Tranter and seconded by Helen Briggs), and Martin Penny will take up the position of Electoral Roll Officer (proposed by Verity Tranter and seconded by Helen Briggs). Thanks, from the new Bishop of Hertford and her secretary were offered to the PCC following the service of welcome that we hosted.

4 Colin Bird invited PCC to examine the accounts. Samantha Bowden proposed we accept them and Verity Tranter seconded them. PCC approved the accounts, and they were signed.

Colin explained that there were some legacies to be seen in the Memorial account with more to come, that soundbites had done well, and that St John's Hall had done well. He drew attention to the continuing generosity of the All Saints Work Party who regularly monitor and maintain our buildings.

The Budget was proposed with a plan to use the Memorial Fund to support the deficit. In mitigation, PCC heard that the Hall and Soundbites Concerts do well, and that there is another Phoenix Concert to come on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Martin Penny informed PCC that 5 concerts are booked by Hertfordshire Festival of Music. Our diocesan contribution is 1% where others are paying 2%. Q. Will the congregation be upset if we use the Memorial Fund to pay our day to day bills? A. Past experience has been not.

5 Sustainability.

Part 1 This part of the meeting is confidential.

Part 2 Volunteers Lisa's notes to copy here re the meeting with Peter Ferguson. Q. How many of the Friends are not members of All Saints' congregation? A 2. Volunteers would be welcome at a Garden Party at Janet Bird's on 8<sup>th</sup> July, and there is to be a Quiz on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Q what is happening to mark the Coronation? A Martin explained that the County are organising a special service on Sunday morning, the 7<sup>th</sup> May that will feature Citizens Advice and St John's Ambulance as volunteer organisations.

6 St. John's Hall. Martin briefly outlined the recent progress towards the new Hall Booking System. It will use a commercial system that can handle credit cards, and the aim is to have it in place (after training) in July, to run from September. St John's Hall will have its own website. Martin reported to PCC that All Saints' mailing system now needs to move to Google, and he proposed that we take all e-mails into Google Workspace. PCC accepted this.

Hall Subcommittee: Janet Bird reported briefly regarding an informal request by the committee for a building survey. PCC noted that there is a well-defined Terms of Reference for the Hall Committee to work with and an informal survey is not included.

7. Fabric. Broken Windows. The PCC approved the repair to the damaged south aisle windows in accordance with the quotation from Ark Stained Glass subject to a faculty and authorises the churchwardens to make the necessary faculty application.

Church Boiler. Electrical repairs are completed, and PCC was reminded that we have only one of the Church's boilers able to function.

Car Park. Colin is aware of an app that could offer parking for a small fee in the All Saints car park. PCC asked him to seek further information.

8. Social Events. These can be viewed on the All Saints Website.

9H&S. Richard Toyn wrote to PCC to raise a difficulty that arose in supplying enough sides people to attend the steps when an unexpected change during the sick leave of the Vicar to the distribution of communion created a problem. PCC confirmed that distribution to the congregation is still to be done at the head of the nave.

10 Safeguarding. There was nothing to report.

11 Dates. The APCM is on April 23<sup>rd</sup>, and the next PCC will be on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

12 AOB. Helen Briggs gave feed back from Friends of All Saints regarding a strong objecting letter she had received and read part of to PCC. This was after a press release from the Church of England which was ambiguous and has been misinterpreted. Helen had attended a discussion at FOAS regarding the relationship between Ecclesiastical (church insurers) and Queen Anne's Bounty. PCC made it clear that the Church of England has earmarked the income of £100 million for projects, and we can make no further comment at this time.

The Chair, Verity Tranter, thanked Colin and Janet Bird for their continuing work for All Saints across many areas.

The meeting finished at 9.45 with The Grace.