

Minutes of PCC Meeting May 17th, 2023.

Present. Rev Canon Jo Loveridge (chair) Janet Bird and Verity Tranter (Wardens) Colin Bird (Treasurer) Mary Penny (Sec) Andrew Belfield, Martin Penny, Linda Dye and Samantha Bowden.

Also in attendance were Nerine Chalmers and Shirley Glover.

1 Prayers were led by Jo who also welcomed everyone. There were no apologies. Four items were proposed under AOB.

2 The Minutes from March 29th were received and approved.

3 Matters arising. There was one, and it is recorded separately, being confidential. It was discussed under item 7 (Finance).

4 Purpose of the PCC, requirement of Trustees and mode of Governance. Martin reminded PCC that we support Rev Jo as our vicar in a C of E parish, and as Trustees of the All Saints Charity, have the responsibility of keeping it viable. There was discussion about the balance between our pastoral care for the wider community and the needs of our Charity. There is an annual cycle of business that provides a framework for review of our wider responsibilities. Discussion followed about how our members who represent us at Deanery Synod can have a significant effect.

5 Co-options. Nerine Chalmers was approved to be co-opted for one year, and we hope Shirley Glover will follow at the July meeting after joining the Electoral Roll.

6 Organisation. Lay Chair: Andrew Belfield.

Treasurer: Colin Bird

Secretary: Mary Penny

Standing Comm: Vicar, Two Churchwardens, Lay Chair, Treasurer, PCC Sec and Parish Administrator.

Health and Safety Officer: Richard Toyn

Safeguarding Officer: Emily Belfield

Electoral Roll Officer: Martin Penny

Sidespeople: Mr Leon Ajao Mrs Roz Barron Mr Colin Bird Mr Martin Bird Mr David Dean Mrs Rosie Dean Mr Brian Dilley Mrs Fiona Earle Miss Isobel Hurley Miss Edwina Nailer Mrs Janet Oldham Mr Geoffrey Rice Mrs Dorothy Toyn Mr James Toyn Mr Richard Toyn Karin Carne Deborah Bowden and Verity Tranter.

Working Groups: Fabric led by a warden, Hall Subcommittee led by a warden, Finance Colin Bird with Julia Gough and Samantha Bowden, Social led by Janet Bird and Dorothy Toyn.

7 Finance/Sustainability/Heating. Colin reported that Jan-April was more expensive than expected, mostly due to heating costs rising, and he will use legacies to support our costs. Giving is holding well. To date, we have no knowledge of possible repairs required by the Quinquennial Report. St John's Hall is doing well. PCC had preliminary discussion about ways to support the church heating costs. The next part of Colin's report was confidential and is recorded in separate minutes to be read at the July meeting.

8 Fabric. Broken windows. Our insurers are ready to pay. We await the architect who will be bringing samples of the glass we are allowed to use as replacements for the temporary covering, applied about a year ago. Janet will take forward the requirement for appropriate CCTV cameras for the South path and the churchyard.

9 St John's Hall. The new booking system is coming on-line soon. Martin, Colin, Luella and Mario will all be trained on 30th May, and users of the Hall are receiving notice of the changes. PCC thanked Nick Hassell for the creation of the new flexible booking system. Also thanked was Margaret Manning as treasurer who is replaced by Colin Bird.

10 Worship Patterns. Jo led a lively discussion related to the varied kinds of services we offer, all linked closely to the Church Seasons.

11 Health and Safety. There was nothing to report.

12 Safeguarding. There was nothing to report. PCC thanked the new safeguarding officer who has very efficiently re-posted the Safer Church notices as part of her responsibilities.

AOB a. Grass cutting. Martin Penny and Wendell Newbold will communicate PCC's decision to mow some grass for users of the Hall and to allow the remainder to be a meadow.

b. The Common Cup. PCC reviewed and upheld the decision to continue with intinction rather than use a common cup at Communion.

c. Code Lock. Many people are reporting difficulties with the code lock on the Vestry access. A warden will research and replace the old lock.

d. Fanfare Trumpet. Our organ builder has been doing regular repairs to prevent the rank of pipes from collapsing and a proper repair is now urgent. Martin has sought a price to make the Fanfare Trumpet safe for the future and Colin assured PCC that the Organ Fund will pay.

The meeting ended with The Grace at 9.30