

Minutes of PCC Meeting July 12, 2023.

Present: Canon Jo Loveridge, Nerine Chalmers, Helen Briggs, Andrew Belfield, Verity Tranter (CW), Janet Bird (CW) Colin Bird (Treasurer) Martin Penny (Admin) Mary Penny (Sec)

In attendance; Alastair Woodgate (Diocesan Surveyor)

1 Apologies were received from Linda Dye and Samantha Bowden. Notice of AOB's were given. Canon Jo announced to PCC that her last service before retiring will be on October 31st. The parish will be informed in the coming days.

2 Sustainability. Mr Woodgate led this section of the meeting, and the minutes are recorded separately, being confidential. He left immediately after.

3 The Minutes from the previous meeting including the confidential part which was read to members of the PCC were accepted.

4 Matters arising. Martin apologised for the out of date advice he gave regarding elections to PCC and explained there was new guidance under Rule M18. Shirley Glover, who is now on the Electoral Roll, and Nerine Chalmers could if PCC wished would be elected to full-term membership of the PCC. He proposed the election of Nerine and Shirley, Canon Jo seconded, and PCC approved. Verity Tranter offered to join Deanery Synod. Jo will liase with Richard Toyn to have extra names added to the Sides persons rota. Other Matters will be attended to under Fabric.

5 Chalice Assistants. Jo asked PCC to approve the reintroduction after the pandemic of the Common Cup, and the sharing of the Peace. This was done. The following were proposed by Mary Penny and seconded by Janet Bird and approved as Chalice Assistants: Martin Bird, Janet Bird, Ann Stephens-Jones, Roz Barron, Dorothy Toyn, Nerine Chalmers, Helen Briggs, Verity Tranter and Val Mort.

6 Finance. A verbal report from Colin Bird is summarised as a) our deficit will be much bigger than we budgeted for when we have to turn the heating on again; b) the Hall is doing better than we hoped c) we are using legacies as agreed but the main funds viz. the Memorial Fund must not be utterly emptied. We remain committed to paying our parish share although Colin has alerted the Diocese to our situation d) we have new bank codes and Verity has agreed to be on the mandate.

7 Hall updates. The new booking system is live and working well, with the regular users learning to use it and booking fees coming straight to Colin.

8 Fabric Fanfare trumpet repairs (letter of permission is in the post) Vestry lock (in progress). Mobley Memorial (in progress) Window repairs (work begun) QQ questions (we do not expect any category one repairs) Clock repair (expected in coming week) CCTV placements (in progress)

9 Soundbites sub-committee. The minutes from its meeting were approved and there were no questions. Martin reminded PCC that there is a ring-fenced legacy that he is still unable to spend and would welcome ideas. He also pointed out in item 2 that it is the food that makes the profits from Soundbites concerts. The teams of caterers are stretched, and we could promote more concerts if more volunteers came forward to establish another team.

10 Events. Dates of events are advertised through the usual channels. Wheelchair space for concerts and other events in church is available by request.

11 MAP. Janet has re-worked the MAP as a draft for PCC to examine.

12 Health and Safety. There was nothing to report.

13 Safeguarding. There was nothing to report.

14 Dates of meetings. Sept 21, Nov 8th, Jan 17, Mar 27, APCM on April 28th. May 15th.

15 AOB. Nerine asked that we revisit our interest in A Rocha. She also asked that we expand the hours that we open the church. Jo will make an announcement that volunteers are needed to enable this. Colin has researched Just Park on behalf of the PCC and proposed that we do a 3-month trial of this way of renting some of our parking spaces. Martin seconded and PCC approved. Following requests to use All Saints to raise funds for good causes eg disaster relief, it was necessary to clarify our hiring rules, especially as we have to abide by the Charity Commission rule. (a charity cannot raise funds for another charity). Mary proposed and Jo seconded the motion that we allow fundraising by others only by Martin has the text..... PCC approved and there was on abstention.