

PCC Minutes of Sept 21st, 2023, at 7.30pm

Present; Samantha Bowden, Andrew Belfield, Linda Dye, Colin Bird, Janet Bird, Martin Penny, Verity Tranter, Helen Briggs, Rev Jo Loveridge, Mary Penny.

Prayers were led by Rev Jo.

1 Apologies were received from Shirley Glover and Nerine Chalmers, and no OAB was declared.

2 The minutes from July 12th, both Part 1 and Part 2 (read to the meeting) were approved and signed.

3 There were no matters arising from the minutes.

4 Sustainability. Confidential.

5 The process of recruiting Jo's successor. Jo outlined the practical responsibilities around this. PCC is aware that The Vicarage may be rented and there was discussion concerning the phone connection and other necessary communication channels to be used in the vacancy. Q. Are there opportunities to garner support for the running of the Parish? A Yes. There is to be a meeting on Oct 8th after a short Morning Prayer. Samantha will assist in this.

6 Finance. Colin Bird (treasurer) reported that we are on target to lose the amount predicted in the budget. New energy prices are expected to be lower. Our bank accounts are being changed to internet banking. The Hall is already set up. Colin is making sure we have good control as we go into this. Signatures also need to be changed. Martin reported that the lease on the parish copier expires in Dec and as it is in very good condition, he is aiming to secure a new rate that would save enough to fund a wi-fi hotspot for All Saints. Colin reported that our enquiry to "Just Ask" parking is in process. He and Martin to meet to set up a protocol for church bookings and other exemptions.

7 Hall update. The boiler is beyond repair. Rev Jo proposed we have a new boiler to heat St John's Hall. Verity Tranter seconded and PCC approved. New bookings are being made thanks to Nick Hassell's work with the new system and the income from the use of the hall is still improving.

8 Fabric. The Quinquennial Report has been received, and works are being prioritised by David Dean. Broken windows are now replaced with the permitted glass. The security lock for the vestry is being replaced during this week. The code will remain as before while the keyholder list is checked with Janet Oldham. Permission to move ahead with the repair to the Memorial Garden wall was sought and granted.

9 Projection facility for the Green Watch event is being organised by Martin. Plans for the Harvest Lunch on Jo's last working day at All Saints are going well. PCC noted that there are events in the church diary, all of which require volunteer help, including hirings of the church for pre-Christmas concerts. All bookings can be seen in the on-line diary and on the website.

10 Health and Safety. There was nothing to report.

11 Safeguarding. We expect all outstanding training to be completed by the end of the year.

12 Dates for PCC are Nov 8, Jan 17, March 27, APCM April 28 and lastly, May 15th.

13 AOB. Nothing.

PCC ended at 9.25pm with The Grace.

