

Minutes of the PCC Meeting, Sept 22nd 2020 by Zoom.

1 Reflection led by The Vicar.

2 Present; Rev Canon Jo Loveridge, Martin Penny, Mary Penny, Colin Bird, Janet Bird, Ann Stephens-Jones, Shanti Gordon, and Nerine Chalmers. Visitors were Andrew Case and Megan Roworth. Apologies were received from Rosemary Bolton, Julia Gough, Cheryl Massey, Janet Oldham, Fiona Earle, Andrew Povey-Richards, Dorothy Toyn.

3 The draft minutes from meetings on June 17th and August 25 had been circulated and were accepted as correct.

4 A verbal report of Business agreed by Correspondence was given by the PCC Sec.

5 There were no matters arising.

6 Andrew Case introduced the Bells Project that was initiated by the late Tower Captain, Alastair Stracey. After receiving quotes for maintenance, and with PCC approval, there had been a fundraising campaign. A significant grant from Hertford Town Council has now enabled the Project to move forward. Colin Bird confirmed that the accepted estimate from Taylors is £22,836. Andrew explained that 3 volunteers with experience have come forward to assist in the work, Andrew himself, Emily Crowder and Daniel Gregory, and this will save £2000 from the cost. PCC expressed thanks to Andrew for this arrangement. There will be also a plaque to commemorate Alastair. PCC voted unanimously to accept the estimate and to commission the work to the bells. (Andrew Case left the meeting)

7 Re-opening of St John's Hall. Megan Roworth (manager) was invited to answer questions. There were many questions posed and answered concerning the risks to users and staff. All who wished to speak, including written contributions were heard. Sport and other business groups were acceptable (with risk assessments in place) but not private parties. PCC voted unanimously that subject to Richard Toyn (Health and Safety) and Martin Penny (Contract with Hirers) being satisfied with all conditions, then the Hall will re-open from October 5th 2020. (Megan Roworth left the meeting)

8 Finance: Colin reported that we face a deficit of £16,000, and our reserve will be used up by Christmas because of the cessation of fundraising events in All Saints. The Covid Pandemic has brought our expected crisis of funding 2 years nearer.

9 The roof of St John's Hall had been damaged by vandals and the repair cost £500, some of which is met by our insurers.

10 APCM plans are that we will meet on Oct 11th after a short service, maintaining the usual social distancing. There will be a simple Agenda and all reports and nomination forms are available to be downloaded from the parish website. Some copies are in church.

11 Health and Safety. Richard reported that there is nothing to report other than the ongoing Covid requirements.

12 Safeguarding. Shanti reported that there was nothing to report, and reminded us that some individual training is due and she will send the links.

13. There was no AOB.

PCC closed with The Grace

