

Minutes of PCC meeting in church, Wed 22Sept. 2021

Present: Rev Canon Jo Loverage (chair), Lisa Meakins , Martin Penny, Colin Bird (Treasurer), Verity Tranter, Helen Briggs, Janet Bird (churchwarden), Andrew Povey-Richards, Nerine Chalmers (churchwarden) Mary Penny (hon sec).

Apologies: Rosemary Bolton, Wendell Newbold, Andrew Belfield and Dorothy Toyn.

1. Jo welcomed Alastair Woodgate (Diocesan Surveyor) then led prayers.
2. Their followed a presentation with a question and answer session led by Mr Woodgate, that was Commercial in Confidence, after which Mr Woodgate left the meeting.
3. Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted and signed as a true record.
4. Matters arising. There were no matters arising.
5. Finance. Colin reported receipt of a legacy from Lynford G Neville's estate which is in the Memorial Fund (projects). Income from use of the Hall is in surplus once more, and the recent event Climate Environment and Hope raised £1200 for All Saints.
6. A Hall sub- committee. Following an open meeting during August, there is to be an informal meeting on Sept 29th led by Janet Bird. Terms of reference for this group have been prepared.
7. Fabric. Janet reported that Francesca Weal will do our Quinquennial. A discussion about sound system and lighting in the church led Janet to offer to enquire within the diocese regarding improvement possibilities and likely costs.
8. Updated Covid risk assessment. Vicar and churchwardens will prepare this; to include seating spacing, coffee provision, and optional sanitiser consideration.
9. Health and safety. There were no incidents to report.
10. Safeguarding. Andrew Povey-Richards confirmed that we are using the national Safeguarding Dashboard. He is booked on the C2 Leadership course. He also noted that Nerine(churchwarden) and Martin(Director of Music) should do this in April. Q. Where is the notice showing the safeguarding lead? A It is on the pillar near the west door at a height easily read by a child. Andrew will supply a photo for it.
11. AOB Lisa had circulated a paper on fundraising ideas to stimulate discussion. Martin made a request for a helper (not one of the music dept) to join the team for the restarting Soundbites concerts. All money will come to PCC and the first artist (well supported in Hertford) will accept a low fee in a spirit of kindness to All Saints. Q What view does PCC have regarding a letter received from Hertford Choral seeking storage space? A In principle our answer is yes, and we need more detail from them.
12. Meeting ended at 9.45 pm with The Grace.