

**The parish Church of St Peter, St Paul and
St Thomas of Canterbury, Bovey Tracey**

**MINUTES OF PCC MEETING
15TH JUNE 2023**

PRESENT: Graham Hamilton(GH),Mike Limb(ML),Jill Hosford(JH),Dawn Hamilton(DH),Tim Stephens(TS),Roy White(RW),Peter Chesterman(PC), Barry Newport(BN),Sharon Alexander(SA),Shirley Codner(SC),Jack Knightly(JK),Sue Nickel(SN),Roy Pitchford(RP),Michael Codner(MC),Mark Alexander(MA).

1. **Opening prayers,** GH opened in prayer.
reading from 2 Timothy.

2. **Apologies:** Matthew Percy.

3. **Declaration of conflicts of interest:** TS – staff salaries

4. **Minutes of previous PCC meeting 9 march 2023 and SC 25th May:** JH proposed acceptance of minutes,PC seconded all in favour.

5. **Matters arising :** PCC Secretary's report was not circulated at APCM , has now been written by GH and accepted for circulation to the congregation.
2 Quotes have been obtained for work on windows.
Glass door proposal agreed.

6. **Election of vice-chairman and secretary**

Secretary GH proposed Shirley Codner, seconded ML all in favour.
Vice Chairman : Peter Chesterman as agreed after APCM.

7. **Safeguarding, Health & Safety:** nothing to report

8. **Treasurer's Report:**

Handover from Clare Lillington almost complete. New system with church accounts software will allow monitoring of funds for different projects.

8.1. **Revised 2023 budget-** not yet ready for circulation.

8.2. **Pausing common fund-** was agreed in principle in March, congregation informed at APCM . The common fund is being withheld in order to register our concern at the direction the C of E is taking. The Cost of Clergy (£61K) will be paid by the end of the year possibly via national Good Stewards Trust .

8.3. **Staff salaries - annual update: LLM payment for funerals**

Staff salary increase in line with inflation to be addressed by RP .

Salaries to be increased: Cheryl Newport, Angie Blanche, Camilla Mathesson and Rosie Stephens.
LLM(Carolyn Laycock) to be paid the same as retired vicars for funerals , proposed GH, all in favour.

9. **"Faith in the future": repercussions from Synod & LLF:**

9.1.1. **Bishop's letter: publish, respond, meet?**

GH will request a meeting with the Bishop as this has been offered.

On the Bishops retirement the Bishop of Crediton will be covering the post for a Year , a new Bishop should be appointed by next Autumn.

9.1.2. **Grant to CEEC :** Surplus monies from outward giving for 2022 will be granted to CEEC As proposed by GH: Carried

9.1.3 **True Freedom Trust :** is an organisation supporting those with and working with same sex attraction, will present their resources, in Abbotsbury Church at 6.30pm 2nd July.

10. Fabric update:

10.1.1. Lighting & electrics scheme: A J Smith quote

Lighting options have been reviewed and option 4 (the most expensive) will best meet our needs, this does not include rewiring ring main (i.e. sockets) but includes testing of the ring main circuit(s). JH reminded us that AJ SMITH electrician will come and demonstrate the system before we agree. Next stage is to arrange a visit, proposed and carried.

Glass doors:

JH reported that we have to store the old doors where they can be on view to the public, various places including the Heritage Centre have been approached but no one has space. It has been suggested by David Horton that they could be stored in the Tower Room with a display plaque. The Architect will need to submit a plan for storage, we should have an answer by late July.

10.1.2. Heating system working party- remit, membership

Working party discussed: MC, PC and BN to fill this role. They will apply for an Energy Audit at a cost of £200 plus VAT. BN will join Webinar 26th June

11. Mission and outward giving revised proposal (compassion?)

GH suggested adding Compassion UK to our list of monthly charities. DH asked if we all know what Compassion UK is and does? GH to send out links to short videos which explain this. Rob Fowler from Compassion will speak at our United Services 16th July.

12. Children & communion: renewing policy

GH raised the question: Do we renew this practice?

At what age?

What preparation should be in place?

Families are asking when children can partake, at present it is after confirmation.

RP stated that it should be parents' decision, this would be for baptised children only.

13. Evangelism - outreach 'out of season'

GH would like a team who report to the PCC. MA and JK volunteered. JK would like to run door to door again April or September. TS noted the success of events such as the Easter Hunt in the park and the ease with which families engaged. DH suggested input to empower everyone to evangelise. JH noted that Anna friends have plans for visiting, memory café, over 65 groups. JH, SC, RP all commented on our lives in the community being a prime way to evangelise.

Do we think the Church can Grow?

TS shared that the Sower in the parable did not sow simply on good ground, we are called to 'sow'. GH would like to see notice boards revived, with posters and information which could be regularly changed and updated to 'get people's attention'.

14. Vicar's report: vicarage work, David Jaggs concert

Vicarage work to resume 17th July (kitchen) and should take around a week.

David Jaggs concert 22nd September, we will need catering team and stewards.

15. Date for next PCC meeting THU 21st September

The meeting closed around 9.30pm