

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

**MINUTES OF PCC MEETING  
30<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023**

1. OPENING PRAYERS AT 7.30 PM:

**2. APOLOGIES:**  
TIM STEPHENS

**PRESENT:** Dawn Hamilton (DH), Roy White(RW), Mike Limb(ML), Roy Pitchford(RP), Sue Nichols (SN)Peter Chesterman (PC)Michael Codner(MC), Sharon Alexander(SA)Matthew Percy (MP)  
Mark Alexander (MA) Shirley Codner(SC) Jill Hosford(JH) Jack Knightly(JK)Barry Newport(BN)

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH ANY ITEMS ON THE AGENDA:**  
NONE

**4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS PCC MEETING 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 :**  
No comments: Accepted , all in favour, carried

**5. MATTERS ARISING:**  
NONE

**6. SAFEGUARDING, HEALTH & SAFETY UPDATE:**

The ladder to the bell tower has now been replaced.

SC advised that all PCC members must have current DBS checks in place and complete 2 levels of safeguarding training and Domestic violence awareness training all of which are online. SC will contact those who need to update and offer assistance if needed with training.

**7.REFRESHER TRAINING ON PCC RULES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.**

**PCC minutes** can be published once approved by thePCC unless deemed confidential in detail . confidential items can be removed before minutes are published on line and in a book at the back of the church . **PCC meetings** restricted to members of the PCC.

A speaker can be invited for relevant part of the meeting only.

**Voting** Members can request for their votes can be recorded in minutes, if 1/5 of PCC request all votes can be recorded.

**8. Diocesan Synod report (Dawn Hamilton)**

Report has been circulated to PCC members.

Dawn reported that the meetings can be frustrating as largely dominated by the platform and there is limited opportunity to make comment.

Diocesan Synods representatives' election takes place in July 24.

Any one interested should talk to Dawn for details of what the position involves.

**9.General Synod report (Graham Hamilton)**

Report has been circulated to PCC members.

## **10. Subscription to CEEC Basis of Faith**

Documents circulated to PCC members. Subscription to this would allow us to:

1. Enable us to use the *Ephesian fund* if we choose (a) Put money into the Ephesian fund. (b) Receive from the Ephesian fund. Any one could put money into the Ephesian fund ear marked for PPT. GH proposed we subscribe JK seconded All in favour.

## **11. Treasurers report.**

RP reported that confusion over Glass door funding has been resolved: the doors will be paid for by church members donation, fitting will be financed by PCC from the fabric fund. JH thanked the treasurer for sorting this.

GH proposed accepting treasurers report , JK seconded all in favour.

## **12. DECISION TO UN-PAUSE PAYMENT OF 2023 COMMON FUND.**

Common fund had been paused AUG, SEPT, OCT, NOV monies are all in separate account. GH proposed that we pay now with a view to a review at January PCC.

Some asked why we should pay now . Others suggested we should carry on and pause indefinitely.

GH commented that our reason to pause was to make our point and that we have made our point, and read the text of our letter to the Bishop in July outlining our plans to pause Common Fund until Dec 23 . Most agreed that we should stick to our word on this and un-pause even if we later make the decision to pause moving forward.

it was noted that some people feel strongly about this and are in fact paying straight to the diocese. GH suggested a general congregational meeting should be held to help people understand . A Special Congregational Meeting will be arranged after the PCC meeting in March. This was proposed by GH , majority in favour.

### **12.1 Pause for prayer as a PCC.**

GH encouraged PCC to join with Him in prayer for our Church family and the wider church as well as for him and those who choose to stand for Biblical standards in the Anglican Community.

MJC expressed the need for prayer and fasting as taught by Jesus in the New Testament suggesting that we could have a designated time to pray and fast each week ,not necessarily together geographically but together in Spirit at a given time.

It was noted that this is a much broader issue than Same sex Marriage including ALL relationships outside of marriage. Time was spent in prayer together before continuing with the agenda for the meeting.

**13.1. RP raised a second point regarding Common Fund .** Many of the 11am congregation are concerned that we haven't paid the full common fund for sometime .This is because we have prioritised Clergy/Youth and Family Worker. The Diocesan policy is not to re-appoint a vicar unless the deficit is paid in full for the previous 2 years. Our contribution also helps smaller churches in our area.

## **14. CHURCH FEES 2024.**

For information only .Agreed at standing committee

## **15. FABRIC MATTERS.**

**15.1 Glass Doors:** 3 quotes have been received . The Faculty fee has been paid.

JH proposed that we accept the quotation from Richard Allen , Hi Building Company. Majority in favour.

## **15.2. Church Lighting**

PC, MJC AND BN visited Colyton Church to view a working system similar to the one proposed by ANTHONY J SMITH for PPT. They were impressed with the clarity of light in the church and looked at the operating system. The system would be set up by and agreed PCC or Church member and only a limited number of authorised persons would be able to adjust the pre set system . The system allows for different lighting scenarios depending on how the church is being used at any particular time. The Church at Colyton has had the system for 3 years and reported no regrets at all.

PC proposed go ahead. MJC seconded . Majority in favour (2 opposed, 1 abstained).

## **15.3 Defibrillator**

Our application for a subsidised Defibrillator has been approved , we will need to pay £750.00 plus the costs of installation. The PCC thanked Katie Law for researching this proposal.

MJC to get quote from Brights Electricians for installation.

## **16. Vicars Report – Outreach 24, Hope Explored , Marriage Course.**

GH to produce Spread the word article for the bulletin.

Hope Explored Course to run for 3 weeks starting 12 January in Church Room.

MA and JK to meet to discuss Door to Door in April , with 3 Main aims.

- 1.To represent the Local Parish Church in the town.
- 2.To build relationships in the parish.
- 3.To share Jesus as our answer to the world's many fears.....

## **17.Car Parking**

Parking has always been an issue at PPT and the issue must be dealt with in the best way that we can without causing undue difficulties for those who need to use the car park in order to attend any particular service.

PCC proposed marking bays in the car park and at the posts with suitable paint.

It was agreed to speak to David Horton about marking these out when weather is suitable

**16. Next PCC Meeting 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

**17.GH closed the meeting with prayer at 9.35pm**