

PPT Parochial Church Council Minutes

Thursday 18 July 2024, 7.30pm in the Church Room

PRESENT: Graham Hamilton(GH),Michael Codner (MC),Shirley Codner (SC), Peter Chesterman(PC), Karen Chesterman(KC), Jill Hosford (JH), Dawn Hamilton(DH), Mike Limb(ML), Roy Pitchford(RP), Jack Knightly(JK), Steve Matheson(SM), Mark Alexander(MA), Roy white(RW)

1. Opening Prayer: GH opened with prayer and a reading from Luke 12. Graham encouraged honesty and transparency.

2. Apologies: Timothy Stephens. Sharon Alexander. Katie Law

3. Declaration of conflicts of interest with any items on the agenda: NONE

4. Minutes of previous PCC meeting 23 May 2024: one correction noted- Graham's treatment 24th may 2024. Proposed JK: All in favour. Standing Committee notes 4 July 2024: No questions arising

5. Matters arising: Diocesan Synod election results. Graham congratulated new members for Diocesan (and Deanery Synod) - DH,MA and RW: all three vacancies filled by PPT members.

6. Safeguarding, Health & Safety Update: Most DBS and Training up to date or in progress. New first aid cupboard installed and new accident book .

7. Response to "Call to Lament": Most PCC members have read this paper, GH outlined that Lament is an act of faith. Discussion around HOW will we encourage the wider congregation to pray which in turn may lead to renewal and revival in the church.

MA would like to see more at the Monthly church prayer meeting on the first Wednesday in each month. SC noted other prayer platforms such as Small groups and private prayer .RP asked us to look at HTB and other larger churches and asked how do they do what they do? GH highlighted the RENEW CONFERENCE (church of England and AMiE) whose theme is 'Lamenting with Hope' on 23rd - 24th September in Leeds, and the Peninsula Gospel Partnership day conference 'Hearts on fire' 16th October 10 – 4pm in Plymouth.

8. Vicar's report: personal health: Graham reported that his cancer now in remission, but general low levels of energy, with 3 monthly check-ups for the year ahead.

report on General Synod: Graham reported on the July session of Synod, and the continuing trajectory of the Church of England. He noted the abuse of proper legal process, the continuing dishonesty in what is being proposed and the inadequate provision currently offered for those upholding the doctrine of the Church. In view of this he encouraged the PCC to use every means to encourage the House of Bishops to take these concerns more seriously, through the CEEC proposals for Alternative Spiritual Oversight and the Ephesian Fund.

8.1. Decisions on Alternative Spiritual Oversight: Following discussion the PCC also decided to request Alternative Spiritual Oversight via the CEEC scheme: Proposed GH seconded JK all in favour. The PCC agreed to consider the Ephesian Fund at its next meeting, and to consult with the Congregation at a special meeting on Sat 28 September.

9. Treasurer's Report: RP had previously circulated figures and budget details to all members. Points reviewed as follows:-

Planned budget for workers based on proposals submitted for next year

The Anna Chaplaincy now has a designated fund and a budget.

We are still spending more than our income so our resources are diminishing.

Doors and Lighting projects still to be paid for .

RP asked that we put thought into plans to increase giving to raise our funds .

10. Youth Work update: Angie joined the meeting for this item to answer questions from the PCC

Angie Blanche has been in post since February 2022 paid for 12 hours a week. We recognise that Angie gives far more of her time than her salary reflects, working mainly with 2 groups of young people in the Church setting: Wise Guys and 14-18's ('the Lodges') Youth groups . Angie also undertakes some 1:1 mentoring and has recently facilitated a Parenting Teens course for 2 church families.

Angie asked that we support her in prayer around her energy and a constant flow of ideas , she reflected that budgeting is hard for her and RP noted that he will support Angie with this . We offered our vote of thanks to Angie and JK prayed for her before she left the meeting.

11. Fabric matters:

11.1. emergency electrical repairs 4 July COMPLETED, we await the invoice from electricians with a safety certificate which can be forwarded to our insurance company.

The Church room Lights are causing some problems the PCC agreed that a quote for replacement should be acquired SC will follow this up. Lights across church path not yet fixed.

11.2. lighting scheme faculty: we were still awaiting approval from the Diocesan Chancellor (this was finally received on 8 August).

11.3. glass door work start date: ML is following this up and is hopeful for the end of August,

11.4. Bell tower report: A first assessment has been carried out, we are awaiting the written report with estimate of costs. The PCC would like to obtain a second assessment and estimate, and find a surveyor with some imaging equipment if possible as the condition of the steel work within the wall cannot be viewed directly.

11.5. Heating update: A boiler service will be booked for mid to late September to give us advanced notice of any major concerns for the coming winter. MC will order oil in August when prices are slightly lower. Under pew heaters are still a consideration particularly if the boiler is shown to be deteriorating, the PCC discussed the options for some fundraising for this instillation

11.6. Quinquennial work list: The first Phase of work outlined in the Quinquennial report has been started by builders and volunteers, the stone mason has been given a copy of the specifications and will meet with MC and ML when he is working on the door installation. The list of first tasks is available from the wardens.

12. Risk assessment and policy reviews: Lone Worker policy

Lone workers policy has been reviewed and accepted . proposed JH seconded PC

JH and Carolyn Laycock will write a risk Assessment particularly in view of the Anna Chaplaincy visiting programme. A register of ALL lone workers mobile phone numbers needs to be compiled, GH will follow this up with Camilla's help.

13. Dates for next meeting: 19th Sept 7.30

14. Closing Prayers