

Minutes of PCC Meeting held in the Parish Room on 14/11/2018 at 7.45 p.m.

Action

Attendees: - Rev. Nat White, Anne Parker-Tyler, Pat Milner, John Stevenson, Peter Hobbs, Charles Dunn, Joanne Gibson, Rebecca Morgan, Jacqui Lancaster, Kim McCloghry, Fergus McCloghry and Colin Allen.

1. WELCOME AND WORSHIP.

Anne welcomed the members from the chair. Colin read from the bible on the use of God given gifts (1 Corinthians 12:4, Romans 12:5 and Ephesians 2:10) and then led prayers for guidance for the PCC team and for a blessing for our community.

2. APOLOGIES. There was full attendance.

3. MINUTES from the meeting on 10/10/18 were accepted as proposed by Pat and seconded by Joanne.

4. MATTERS ARISING.

5(i) Peter will now accrue the funds available for charitable donations as a liability in the annual accounts. PH

5(ii) The PCC very much appreciate the £200 which Nat has received from Your Cafe towards toddler group expenses.

5(iii) An electrician is researching a suitable heater for the bell tower. PM

6. Nat had sent a "thank you" letter for the Harvest Festival accommodation.

9(iii) Peter had booked the Village Hall for services.

5. NAT'S NOTICES. – Covered by individual items.

6. ALL SAINTS' TREE- feedback from the congregation.

Nat had received very positive feedback from the congregation and two more values had been added, "generosity" and "grace".

7. VILLAGE HALL

Anne reminded members that, at the last meeting, a majority of members had been in favour of moving the main Sunday services to the village hall during the cold months (December, January and February) but after reaction to the proposal being announced, the decision was made to seek the views of the regular worshipping community and review the plan if necessary. The ballot taken had shown that the larger number of the congregation were in favour. There was general alarm, dismay and disapproval from the members at the reaction by some to the proposal and the way in which the intent had been misrepresented to villagers.. Also disappointment because they had not been approached to discuss the subject by those who were not in favour. There had been an element of lack of trust among members and a loss of respect for the PCC. There had been a loss of confidence in the PCC over the years because "heating" had not been actioned. There was a need to go forward with a change in attitude, loving one another and pulling together. Anne then summed up these views from the members. Colin read aloud an emailed document from John Viggars listing his misgivings which the members felt were not insurmountable.

8. HEATING

Rev. Nat had met with members of the research team. It was explained that a church interior is too big to be heated efficiently and so one has to "heat the people." In any case under floor heating is very expensive. Investigations had shown that at least four churches visited were happy with pew heaters. They are not drastically expensive and total cost depends on the number of pews which you heat. The initial idea is just to heat the centre section of the church. In addition to retain heat and reduce draught there was a need to change the porch layout. The architect has been consulted and is going to draft plans and quote costs, which will take about a month. The members voted, unanimously, for the installation of pew heaters in the nave and the alteration of the porch as proposed by Pat and seconded by Charles.

9. WEDDING FEES – non-payment.

There are unpaid fees for a couple who are disclaiming liability. Members agreed that the expenses are paid and the debt written off.

10. BVN – new editorial team.

The new team of Sandra Stapely, Alan Moyer and Joanne Longford have formulated their plans. Peter has been asked to meet with them to discuss financial implications. Anne will speak to Steve Rolt regarding Jenni's retirement. PH/APT

11. FRONT LINE COURSE – feedback.

Nat reported that this had been very successful and that it had been attended by people from various churches.

12. CHRISTMAS POST BOX.

This facility will be available. It needs to be made clear that the service is to raise donations.

13. “YOUNG CARERS” DONATION.

John Harding had requested that a donation be made towards hampers for this cause and this was unanimously agreed at £500. PH

14. STEWARDSHIP

Paul Adams from the diocese was willing to come to All Saints' to talk about stewardship. It is planned that he might address the PCC during week commencing January 21st and the PCC will then act upon his recommendations with the church members.

15. QUESTIONS ARISING FROM THE MONTH'S REPORTS.

There were no matters raised.

16. THE 2019 FINANCIAL BUDGET.

Peter had circulated a first draft of the budget and asked members to review it and advise him of any changes necessary. He also raised the subject of the Parish Nurse grant which expires at the end of next year and the need for forward thinking. Joanne responded that a funding replacement had yet to be researched. Fergus was asked, and agreed, to take on control of the 2019 TRIO appeal and the production of the “thank you” letters to regular givers.

17. THE BVN EDITORSHIP – transition. Covered elsewhere.

18. PLANS FOR NEXT YEAR'S TRIO. Covered elsewhere.

19. PLANS FOR END OF YEAR. Covered elsewhere.

20. PCC MEMBERSHIP.

Colin explained, for the members, the rules regarding election to PCC membership and the origin of the rotation rules covering term of office.

21. WEDDING FEES. Covered elsewhere.

22. FRONT PEW KNEELERS

For reasons of comfort, during distribution, Fergus asked that the number of kneelers be reduced. This was unanimously agreed and actioned.

23. PCC POSTER. The production of this is already in hand but Joanne needs a few more photographs.

24. SAFEGUARDING.

Becky had circulated a spreadsheet, Safeguarding Overview, showing the status of officers with regard to DBS checks and safeguarding training. She asked members to support her efforts by arranging for their own DBS checks and then advising her that this had been done. All was going to

plan and her next stage was to look at others for whom checks are needed.

25. AOB

The Parish Nurse had paid £425 for the hire of a specialised chair and the members, unanimously agree to recompense her from the Sheila Rowley fund.

JG/PH

26. THE GRACE

The meeting closed with the sharing of the grace.