



Parochial Church Council Meeting MINUTES OF MEETING ON MONDAY 15th July 2024

2024/25 PCC Members: David Bennett, Peter Breckwoldt (Chair), Steve Cornick (Treasurer), Nigel Day (Warden), Nick Elbourne, John Fleming, Alan Fryer, Jenny Harris, Stuart Hull (Warden), Mike Jones, Paula Jones, Matt Lee (Associate Minister), Keith Loveless, Gillian Mannouch, David Morgan, Lisa Perry (Minutes), James Sharman, Janine Thomas, Paul Wareham.

1. Welcome & opening prayers – PB We as under-shepherds, pointing to Jesus in all that we do.
 - a. Safeguarding courses – reminder for existing and new members to complete if not already done so. <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/login/index.php> **ALL**
2. Apologies: Stuart Hull, Jenny Harris, James Sharman, David Morgan, Steve Cornick
3. Minutes of Meeting on 20th May 2024 were approved, subject to the following amendment: Gillian – missing from the list for the mission group, also, should read James Sharman, not James Graham. Accepted Nigel, seconded John.
4. Matters Arising (not elsewhere on agenda)
 - a. Interest on Ephesian Fund – PB read an email to members for clarity. This now has become a separate body in itself, see below. Email states fund was in CAF accounts, prior to 31.03.24. From 01 April, it is now held in a high interest Lloyds account.
5. Finance

PB summarised as Treasurer not present His report was sent prior to the meeting.

 - a. Accounts to May '24 were presented.
 - b. Major expenditure (>£1,000) Just the deposit to Portable Offices for the portable toilet unit, which is to be refunded by the insurers.
 - c. Fund balances have not changed a huge amount over the last few weeks. Paula will be transferring excess reserves to the new CCLA COIF Charities Deposit Fund. This will reduce the funds held in the CAF accounts by 80k.
 - d. 2023 Accounts (update) – Paula reported that the yearend examination was proceeding well, and gave thanks to Gillian Mannouch for her help in getting us over the line.
6. Sub-committees – reports

S&F – 1st July – The minutes were accepted, subject to the following amendment:
- the section on LLF regarding church planting should read Baptist rather than Methodist.

Peter updated the committee following a conversation with Bishop Karen. He clarified the situation and confirmed that St John's have not been leading this plant as was possibly thought. We are, however, in support of the proposed plant.

- The mid-week communion service is happening so the statement saying there is no mid-week service is incorrect.

PB advised that the contractors will be scarifying the floor in the foyer but have been requested to stop work for an hour so that mid-week communion is unaffected by noise.

- the pool table had been suggested as a possible cause for the leak – this is incorrect, and in fact had only had a minor impact upon the levelling compound under the carpet.

e. BMG – 9th July – Keith reported:

- the S & F committee have been acting on behalf of PCC in some of the urgent decision making. The key news is £46k + vat has been spent so far, of which roughly 50% will be refunded via insurance.
- Drying will commence this week. The levelling compound will be removed from the conservatory and hall corridor floors to expedite this.
- Meetings this week re carpets, PJ and KL working closely on the project. Talking with Grosvenor carpets in Ferndown. No possibility of like for like replacement, so we will look at alternatives for replacement.
- Water damage has emanated from the kitchen into the hall corridor and conservatory, and slightly in to the atrium, but no further signs of water damage. Kitchen area damage is significant, pipe oxidation means we will need to replace most of the pipes in the kitchen floor. Leakage has penetrated to conservatory at hall end and into the floor. All insulation material in the ducts will get cleared out.
- Insurance-recommended drying specialists are commencing the process this week, which could take between 4-8 weeks, however we hope it will be less than that.
- No need to take up the screed which is great news and a saving.
- It has been agreed to replace the water main from the corner of the Youth equipment store down to the kitchen and replace with commercial plastic piping, to avoid further leak issues in future.
- The insurance will cover the works generated as a result of the leak and the cost of replacement carpet/vinyl.
- The sponginess by the ducting (a hollow formed in the concrete with a timber batten either side covered by ply which the pipe runs through) in the foyer has, over time, deteriorated due to shifting battens and ply. Repairs, using marine ply have been agreed, and will avoid a repeat of the issue.

We may be using the Elim church for lunch club (2 dates).

Preschool – PB says that until we know the drying time, beyond knowing about the risk, we have no other information for the preschool yet. The finishing of the kitchen and access to lavatories will be the crux of this matter.

- Lighting works are due to start in August – these will have a small impact on Sunday seating and a bigger impact during the week.

f. GAT – 11th July – Minutes not yet available. Matt was present (via Zoom) and reported: He had been talking about the plan to gradually integrate global action giving with general giving, from which, global action will receive an agreed allocation. For the time being there will still be a GA bank account, and the changeover will be phased. Practically – from November, the focus will be centred

on prayer support for GA. The GA team would like to recommend this course of action to the PCC.

A query was raised about there being two strands of giving for GA: ML advised that ultimately undesignated GA monies will come from the main church account. Any designated giving to GA is already directed appropriately by the GA team. The PCC will know what budget is required to continue to support our GA partners. Those who give to GA will be advised of the plans in due course.

- g. Y&C – ML reports no meeting.
- h. St John's Preschool – no meeting. PB advised that the preschool ended a week early due to the building work. Good co-operation with the preschool staff who are being kept informed as the work progresses. Please do keep pre-school in your prayers due to government policy changes and local competition, so we have some concerns about numbers in the Autumn.

7. Deanery Synod Report – 11th June – PB referred to the minutes and advised there were many but had not been included with the minutes for PCC. They are available from the office if anyone wishes to read these.

8. Staff Matters

- a. Youth Worker: 2 candidates were interviewed. Jeremy Long was appointed as a p/t youth work trainee. He will help with kids venture and starts on 1st September.

9. Standing Items:

- a. Health & Safety – matters to report: PJ advised that the Risk Assessment for the water leak repairs project had been completed (RA017b - water leak/lighting works – PCC approved).
- b. Activities off-site: Lunch club will be held at the Elim for two sittings. PCC approved. Day trip to Bransgore – PCC approved.
- c. Safeguarding – nothing to report. Gillian asks about x 2 new people in the process of safer recruiting for the pastoral care team – all documentation to PJ for recording.

10. Update on LLF / General Synod (see papers

PCC briefing paper – most of this is to set out what the timeline has been up to now.

The LLF issue will comeback for further discussion in Feb '25, by which time the liturgy for stand-alone services will be published.

Some shifting in positionality has occurred. Possibly a vote going to the Houses of laity and clergy, in order to avoid the need for a 2/3rds approval.

PB & ML have been offered a Guernsey-based Bishop who cannot leave the island, so Bishop Ian is now looking at alternatives.

The Alliance – a network of networks, explained in the supporting documents. They welcome individuals signing up as they think that weight of numbers will make a difference. PB commends the Alliance to us.

ML – meeting at All Souls – last Friday – where they were commissioning oversight for those who wish to request such in the light of the direction that the CofE are taking. Spiritual oversight is not a legally instituted arrangement; the C of E set up is a legal framework.

PB feels that the clock is ticking on this issue and we need to give the Bishop time to respond to requests from us so far. John Dunnett, the director of CEEC, might be a guest for PCC as was Lee Gatiss recently. Janine points out that any alternative oversight still doesn't solve confirmation and other requirements.

PB very clear that we want dialogue with our Bishop(s).

KL asks about diocesan helpfulness and grace with regards to work matters to do with faculties.

PB advised that we are still paying our parish share via Ephesian fund – to date this has not been taken up by the diocese.

11. Parish Mission October 2024 update – PB – pleased to report that all is coming together for the October mission week.

The latest event included in the week will be on Saturday morning Gerard Le Feuvre will attend a brunch to play and talk about his life and faith journey. He will then spend time with interest musicians/singers to create a pop-up orchestra/choir to play on the Sunday morning. Special guests on Sunday - Chris and Sandra Tebbutt (ex-vicar of Canford) Sandra has been living with cancer and they will talk about the role that their faith has played in dealing with this at the Sunday morning Guest service.

The flyer will be revised, and there will also be some postcards and short films / invites coming out in support of the week.

Janine asks - do we offer a commitment card so that church family can complete with details of those they are hoping to bring /bring to faith.

12. Any Other Business

Paul: Team leader for the welcome team? Could help in organising fire safety etc from BMG. Role to co-ordinate this, instructed by BMG.

Paul & Keith to send list of responsibilities for the role to PJ. Some information on the Role of welcome team members would be helpful.

Future Meetings: 7.30pm on Monday 23 September, Monday 25 November