



St. John's Wimborne  
New Life, Full Life

## Parochial Church Council Meeting

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**Meeting at 7.30pm in the Church**

**2022/23 PCC Members:** David Bennett, Peter Breckwoldt (Chair), Steve Cornick (Treasurer), Nigel Day (Warden), Nick Elbourne, John Fleming, Alan Fryer, James Graham, Stuart Hull (Warden), Mike Jones, Paula Jones, Matt Lee (Associate Minister), Keith Loveless, Andrea Long, David Morgan, Mary Morris, Phil Murray, James Sharman, Janine Thomas, Paul Wareham.

**PCC Secretary:** Kathy Zeal

### MINUTES

#### **1. Welcome, Bible reading and opening prayers PB**

Peter welcomed everybody and spoke from Isaiah Ch53 v6 to think of ourselves as sheep gone astray but Jesus has been sent to rescue us and shepherd us. Our responsibility on the PCC as leaders is to follow Jesus ourselves and shepherd others to do likewise.

#### **2. Apologies PB**

Apologies were received from David Bennett, James Graham, Stuart Hull and Paula Jones.

#### **3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 PB**

Approval of the minutes of the PCC meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 were proposed by Paul Wareham and seconded by Mary Morris. All were in favour.

#### **4. Matters Arising:**

##### **a) Lighting Project KL**

Keith drew attention to the BMG minutes. Option 2 would be implemented which involves light fitting replacement with basic LED's. This requires Faculty and Design. There are limitations on functionality and the DAC may not approve.

##### **b) Latest on Staff Appointments PB/ML**

Job descriptions and invitations for Office Manager and Office Administrator positions would be placed in the Notice Sheet this week. The church would also advertise, more widely than before, between now and Easter, for a Youth Worker to possibly start in September.

##### **c) 34 Churchill Road KL**

This property has been let for 6 months. The tenants are good and there is income coming in. There are a few minor jobs to be done. All is overseen by Tim Glenn and Goadsbys.

##### **d) Volunteering ML**

The PCC approved the general plan at the previous PCC meeting. Matt has been working on further details with the help of Debbie Fleming. The work is still in progress.

## 5. Safeguarding : Annual Safeguarding Report & Presentation (Andrew Morris & Pat Loveless)

Andrew and Pat did not attend the meeting but presented a written Annual Safeguarding/report to the PCC. Since the last annual report there have been no safeguarding issues to report. The roles of The Diocesan Safeguarding Team were identified to the PCC and the requirement for renewal of DBS checks every 3 years noted. Matt confirmed that Safer Recruitment practices had been adopted but there was still work needed towards their full implementation. Finally, Andrew and Pat requested that the PCC approves and adopts the updated Policy Statement for 2023.

**This PCC approves and adopts the updated Policy Statement for the Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults 2023 in the Parish of St John's Wimborne.**

Proposed: Matt Lee. Seconded: James Sharman. All voted in favour.

The Policy Statement was signed by Peter Breckwoldt and the church wardens, Nigel Day and Stuart Hull.

## 6. Finance SC

### a) Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022

Stephen presented the accounts to the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Income £364,928 (Budget £263,261.) Expenses were £300,600 (Budget £299,140) Net income less expenses £64,328 (Budget £35,879) Major building works £28,275, Legacy, grant £10,500. Overall increase in funds £46,553.

### b) Major expenditure >£1000

Absolutely Fabulous Carpet cleaning/chairs	£2025
D Carter re 34 Churchill Road driveway	£2000
Grosvenor Carpets	£1408.82
Spetisbury Construction (Drains)	£5131.20
Mabey Francis Ltd (Lighting design)	£1785.60
Total energies	£1572.84
Christmas Craft expenses	£1171.28 (offset by fees charged)

### c) Fund Balances & Any matters requiring attention

Bank account balances:-	31/12/2021	30/11/22	31/12/22	28/01/23
General fund	£47,753	£25,959	£30,176	£36,568
CAF No 2 Works account	£134,605	£165,611	£165,976	£165,977
CAF No3 Restricted funds		£7,812	£7,829	£7,829
Youth account	£2,072	£1,935	£1,115	£1,649
Children's a/c	£644	£480	£231	£357
GAT	£41,782	£28,160	£37,883	£34,739
<b>Totals =</b>	<b>£226,856</b>	<b>£229,958</b>	<b>£243,210</b>	<b>£247,119</b>

Regular Giving has been higher but it is noted that in reality we are in deficit which has been masked by the extra donations received last year. The challenge is that our current surplus may evaporate as we employ more staff. It was noted that we had received Grants of £7000 for warmer spaces, £5000 from the diocese, £1000 from the Digby Trust and a total of £12000

from Erskine Mutton for the roof and lighting. The details will be clarified at the APCM, Peter asked for prayer for wisdom to present these figures to the church.

## **7. Health & Safety & Safeguarding – items to report PB**

There had been an accident with a hot drink during the outside event at Christmas which may mean lighting needs to be reconsidered where drinks are served outside.

An ambulance was called to assist a man who couldn't wake up during the warmer spaces event. He was taken to hospital but is well now.

A table tennis player had crashed into a stand at the same event which may mean siting of the table tennis table or the furniture around it needs to be reconsidered.

It was noted that these events would be recorded in the incident book if not already done so. The Games/Warm space event would also be required to take a register.

### **a) Health and Safety Policy implementation KL-BMG**

Keith presented a set of recommendations from the BMG regarding Health and Safety Policy and Documentations.

The BMG recommend that:

1. The whole set of Health and Safety documentation should be placed in Dropbox in an appropriate location for all PCC members and other leaders to be made aware of.
2. Staff and Activity leaders should be asked to implement the Risk Assessments for all activities.
3. The Health and Safety Policy is made public by posting on the church website and in the church.
4. A meeting is convened between key persons involved being: Dave Nash, Richard Ough, Tim Glenn, Paula Jones, Keith Loveless, to see if we can simplify the process for completion of Risk Assessments by separating these from the other documents, if this is possible, without compromising the legal duty on us as a church.

Keith requested that the PCC approve the implementation of the Health and Safety policy and the recommendations.

**This PCC approves the Implementation of the Health and Safety Summary as presented in November 2022 and the BMG recommendations above.**

Proposed: Keith Loveless. Seconded: Matt Lee. Everyone voted in favour.

## **8. Giving Review & Appeal March 2023 PB**

This will be presented on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March in both services.

## **9. LLF Film/Discussion and Paper PB**

Peter presented a Statement to the PCC with a Draft Resolution to consider concerning the proposals around the work that has been done on **Living in Love and Faith** by the Church of England. The Statement has the backing of Rev Matt Lee and the Church Wardens. Matt also produced a Powerpoint presentation regarding future implications and actions which may be taken by those who disagree with the Bishops' response to LLF. The crucial issues, which are addressed more fully in the Statement, are the introduction of prayers to affirm same sex

couples in church and to allow new pastoral guidance to replace “Issues in Human Sexuality” which currently says that clergy in same-sex partnerships must be celibate.

The PCC spent some time discussing this Statement, which is generally regarded as “a fudge” and one step along the way to allowing same-sex marriage and affirmation of the same for laity and clergy within the Anglican church. St John’s is a member of the Church of England Evangelical Council who are opposed to this move but are still committed to sharing the gospel, showing love and welcoming all, regardless of their sexuality. Local church leaders who are members of the CEEC are supporting one another in determining their actions going forward.

The PCC discussed the Draft Resolution and agreed the following Resolution.

**This PCC affirms the Church of England doctrine that marriage is between one man and one woman and is intended to be for life since we believe this to be the pattern given to us in scripture. We also affirm the beauty of celibacy – recognising the goodness of both biblical positions. We seek to provide good pastoral support for those who may struggle to live by this teaching and welcome all people to St John’s Church, Wimborne regardless of their sexual status or orientation. We seek to be a Church which is a loving Christian community, an extended family, and a place where we hold to a traditional view of Marriage, as set out in the Bible, the Book of Common Prayer, 39 Articles and Ordinal, and to do so with grace and love. We also called on the bishops and General Synod to reject this report because of the harm it will do to unity and faithfulness of God’s church.**

Proposed by Peter Breckwoldt. Seconded by Matt Lee. The PCC voted in favour with one abstention.

## **10. Review of 2022 Christmas Services PB**

The Christmas services had been well received and the outdoor service had been very well attended. There was a comment that it was a shame the midnight service was very low on numbers. Peter commented that the days seem to have passed when visitors would come to the church just for that service. The Anglican church is still legally obliged to offer the midnight service.

## **11. Sub-committees - reports**

### **a) Standing and Finance – 16/01/23**

Most items had already been covered in this meeting.

### **b) Buildings Management Group – 26/01/2023 KL**

Keith commended the minutes to the meeting and summarised priorities to date:

1. Roof repairs – started Feb 2023
2. Internal lighting, Option 2 as previously discussed.
3. External lighting, proceed if within capital spend limit £50K for 2023, or in 2024  
No lighting in grounds/noticeboards, only on walls.
4. External noticeboards. Keith asked to produce proposals possibly based on Swanage board. 2024
5. Foyer floor and duct. Deferred to 2024 but in need of regular safety inspections meanwhile.

The drainage work has been completed. PAT testing is nearly complete, Clive Wills is working on this. The Youth Lounge front doors are malfunctioning but this is being attended to. About 20 people attended the Maintenance to Mission Saturday in January. This will be repeated in 6 months' time. Saturday sort-its will be reconvened in February.

**c) Global Action Team – 16/01/23 DM**

David commended the minutes to the meeting. Around £25000 would be distributed across the partners in early February.

David Morgan has signed an agreement on behalf of the GA Team and the PCC with SIM UK to be Sarah's sending church and formally take on due responsibilities.

These items were ratified by the PCC.

**d) Youth and Children's – no meeting**

**e) St John's Pre-School – no meeting PB**

**12. Activities requiring approval PB**

a) Women Too Weekend 10 – 12 February 2023

b) Holy Land Tour 15 – 22 March 2023

**13. Any Other Business PB**

No further business.

**2023 Meeting Dates:**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March, Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September, Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November

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