



St. John's Wimborne
New Life, Full Life

Parochial Church Council Meeting

Monday 27th March 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 Acts Chapter 11 encouraging the PCC from the example of Barnabas who encouraged the new church in Antioch for a whole year. Barnabas was a man full of goodness, he had sold a field and brought the money to the apostles, he was a giver of time and talent, a church planter and mentor of others. He was full of the Spirit, God had come alongside and used Barnabas. He was full of faith, he believed in the power of God to change lives.

2. Apologies PB

One apology was received from John Fleming.

3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 30th January 2023 PB

Approval of the minutes of the PCC meeting held on 30th January 2023 were proposed by Nick Elbourne and seconded by Nigel Day. All were in favour.

4. Matters Arising:

a) Staffing – New Appointments Update PB

i) Office Administrator. Rachel will be finishing her time in the office at the end of this coming week. Jo Day will work for a couple of hours daily from the end of April and it was hoped that one other person could be found for additional duties. The summer Mega Rota has already been prepared.

ii) Youth Worker. Three or four people had responded to the Jan/Feb advert for a Youth Worker. There will be interviews at the beginning of May and hopefully someone will be appointed for September.

iii) Office Manager. Some interest had been expressed and there was going to be an informal meeting with interested parties to see whether to progress to formal interview.

5. LLF Update and possible actions **PB – paper presented**

The PCC had been encouraged to watch the film produced by the CEEC and read the SDEF statement before this meeting.

Film <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JO3nsDInDiQ>

SDEF Statement Link: <https://salisburydef.org/2023/03/08/pastoral-statement/>

It was agreed that our priority was to fulfil our mission of New Life, Full Life and we were very troubled that our bishops appeared to be on a path leading away from Biblical values which we uphold in the areas of sex and marriage. The silver lining was that we are now partnering much more closely with local Anglican Evangelical churches. We still see ourselves as an Anglican church but would have to seek a way of receiving godly external oversight should the position not change. Synod is divided 52/48% in favour of same-sex marriage blessing, which is considered not a viable majority to press forward such a radical change. Bishop Stephen has not so far responded to the PCC letter of a few months ago. The largest churches in our diocese, especially those with children and families, all follow the CEEC direction. Voting within the diocese is disproportionately weighted towards smaller rural congregations who are more likely to follow the lead of our local bishops. Some discussion followed on the possible next steps for the PCC based on the Paper Peter presented:

- a) Keeping the congregation informed:
Peter proposed presenting this paper to the congregation but it was important for the PCC to see it first. Our position on this subject has been expressed in a number of short films shown and in preaching and teaching matters from Peter, Matt, St John's speakers and invited ministers.
- b) Partnering more closely with local churches:
It was important for the CEEC churches to work closely together to ensure no one church gets isolated. It was possible that we could also converse with some High Anglican churches who hold the same view on this particular issue.
- c) Re-directing our financial support:
Should the position not change at the July Synod, the proposal is to cap our Parish Share by around 50% and direct the remainder into a Good Stewards Trust to support local churches of evangelical faith and/or to our link province in South Sudan. Peter doubted that the Salisbury Diocese would go bust as there appear to be plenty of central funds. There could be some legal action over ownership of buildings but it was hoped this would be avoided due to costs.
- d) Seeking alternative oversight:
Rob Munroe, the Bishop of Ebbsfleet, is the provincial episcopal visitor for conservative evangelical members and parishes following the retirement of Bishop Rod of Maidstone last year. He is in a difficult position having been personally appointed by the Archbishop of Canterbury. We may have to look to the Worldwide Church for our oversight.

Peter sought the assurance from the PCC that this paper is looking in the right direction and can be discussed at the APCM. An amendment will be made to the underlined phrase "We do not intend to leave the Church of England.." as it was perceived as aggressive, whereas the intention was only to reassure. Peter was happy to receive names of individuals who may need to discuss before the paper goes out but was of the opinion most people would not be surprised by its contents.

Peter proposed acceptance of the paper titled LLF update and possible actions.

This was welcomed by all the PCC.

This paper would be included in the next St John's Newsletter for information before discussion at the APCM. Matt will also repeat his power-point presentation and invite questions.

6. Finance SC

a) Accounts to 27th March 2023

The accounts are not currently available as training is still in progress for a couple of people taking over Gillian's previous responsibilities. The church is also behind with reclaiming Tax relief which is why the General Funds are depleted.

b) Major expenditure >£1000

16/3/23 Flat roofing company	£7884	
6/3/23 RLM Architects North Aisle stone	£5473 error - reimbursed	
6/3/23 RLM Architects roof repairs	£3685 error – reimbursed	
9/3/23 Colin Avery Stone mason	£6567.60 correct payment direct to contractor inc VAT	
27/2/23 Flat roof maintenance	£4422 correct payment direct to contractor inc VAT	
27/2/23 CCL licence	£1603	
24/2/23 POS CSG Fire and Safety	£1430	
24/1/23 RLM roof repairs	£1095.30	

c) Fund Balances & Any matters requiring attention

Balances as of	13/3/23	27/3/23
General Fund	£33,087.91	£9,109.38
CAF No 2 Works Account	£165,976.68	£165,976.68
CAF No3 Major works 2	£7,829.02	£7,829.02
Youth Account	£1,304.32	£1,411.84
Children's Account	£699.42	£461.76
GAT	£26,797.96	£24,822.96
Total =	£235,695.31	£209,611.64

d) Giving Review & Appeal 2023 – Update PB

The update is not available at the moment.

7. Approval of the Statutory Accounts to 31st December 2022 PB

Gillian had collected and proof read the Accounts which she confirmed were accurate. Stuart drew attention to the £16,809 surplus which was lower than the £64,000 calculated surplus presented to the congregation at the Giving Review but was due to depreciation.

Resolution: The PCC of St John's Wimborne approve the statutory accounts to 31st December 2022 as independently examined by Rothmans.

This was proposed by Stuart Hull and seconded by Paula Jones. All were in favour.

8. Planning of APCM on 26th April 2023 PB

Peter expressed thanks to Andrea Long and James Graham who had completed their time on the PCC and were not standing for re-election. Three further nominations were needed for the PCC and four for the Deanery Synod.

9. Health & Safety & Safeguarding – items to report KL

Keith reported that an audit trail was being established which could be used electronically for Risk Assessments. This could be used to produce hard copy. Where assessments had been done before, no repetition would be necessary. Tim Glenn was happy to take on oversight at present but not to front in the future due to constraints on time. The existing forms will be used at the moment until the new system is rolled out to all groups by September. The members of the BMG will help those who need it to fill in the forms. The new policy has been posted on the website and some information is available in the church. **The policy will be referred back to the next PCC meeting for discussion regarding further details for activities including HGGs.**

10. Sub-committees & Deanery Synod - reports

a) Deanery Synod Report – 07/03/2023 PB/ML

No further questions.

b) Standing and Finance Committee 13/03/2023 PJ

Most items had already been covered in this meeting but Paula drew attention to changes in IT support which was currently being investigated by Matt. Peter mentioned that he had met someone who produced signs on the Israel holiday and was waiting for a quotation for the church noticeboards.

c) Buildings Management Group – 14/03/2023 KL

Keith commended the minutes to the meeting and summarised current projects:

1. Roof repairs – started Feb 2023, maintenance has been carried out on all roofs and the vestry roof has been replaced. They were about to begin on the Youth Lounge.
2. The doors to the Youth Lounge are now working.
3. A new bollard has been purchased to replace the broken one.
4. The church office is being redecorated by volunteers from the church.
5. The tenancy of Churchill Road has been extended on a rolling contract until August. One person has expressed interest in managing this.

d) Global Action Team – no meeting DM

e) Youth and Children's – 20/02/2023 SH

Stuart commended the minutes to the meeting and felt that the work was encouraging. **Peter wanted the Y&C to be the main focus for the next PCC meeting maybe linked with the appointment of a new Youth Worker.**

f) St John's Pre-School – 02/03/2023 PB

Peter commended the minutes to the meeting and said Pre-school had had a bumper surplus due to full attendance but one staff member short. More 2 year olds had been taken on which attracted more Council funding than 3 year olds but were harder work. Sarah would be starting after Easter, to replace Hilary. There had been some stressful situations but they had been handled well. Some of the surplus was being spent on new equipment.

11. Activities requiring approval PB

- a) Kintsugi Hope Wellbeing Group Pilot at Kathy Zeal's house – Tuesday 25th April for 12 weeks.
- b) Church Weekend 14-16th July 2023

Both were approved.

12. Any Other Business

- a) Some discussion followed as how to best thank Rachel on her retirement. Paula offered to write something for the church newsletter on behalf of the PCC and congregation. The PCC expressed their thanks.

2023 Meeting Dates:

Monday 22nd May, Monday 17th July, Monday 25th September, Monday 27th November

KAZ 28/03/2023