



Parochial Church Council Meeting

Monday 22th May 2023

Meeting at 7.30pm in the Church

2023/24 PCC Members: David Bennett, Peter Breckwoldt (Chair), Steve Cornick (Treasurer), Nigel Day (Warden), John Fleming, Alan Fryer, Stuart Hull (Warden), Mike Jones, Paula Jones, Matt Lee (Associate Minister), Keith Loveless, David Morgan, Mary Morris, Phil Murray, James Sharman, Janine Thomas, Paul Wareham.

PCC Secretary: Kathy Zeal

MINUTES

1. Photo of the new PCC

2. Welcome, Bible reading and opening prayers **ML**

Peter welcomed everybody and asked Matt to lead us. Matt spoke from Acts Ch2 encouraging the PCC from the Prophecy of Joel as Peter encouraged the first Christians. If Peter claimed they were "in the last days," then we most certainly were. Humanity has killed God's King but Jesus was raised from the dead and will return. God's power via the Holy Spirit comes on all people and every one who calls on the Name of the Lord will be saved.

3. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Fleming and Mary Morris.

4. Approval of Minutes of Meetings held on 27th March and 26th April 2023 **PB**

Approval of the minutes of the PCC meeting held on 27th March 2023 were proposed by James Sharman and seconded by Paula Jones. All were in favour.

Approval of the minutes of the PCC meeting held on 26th April 2023 were proposed by Paul Wareham and seconded by Mike Jones. All were in favour.

5. Matters Arising:

1. Staffing – New Appointments Update **PB**

i) Youth Worker. Three people had been interviewed for the Youth Worker position. Only one was suitable and had been offered the job. In her current situation, she couldn't respond immediately but it was hoped there would be a response by the end of the week.

ii) Office Administrator. Jo Day was doing very well working 2 hours daily in the office and various plans were being worked on for additional duties.

6. Introduction and responsibilities of PCC Members **PB**

1. Peter commended the PCC Members Booklet and encouraged members to bring items for discussion to him for inclusion in future PCC meetings.

2. All PCC members were required to sign the Annual Confidential & Trustee Eligibility and FPP Declarations.

3. The Safeguarding C0 and C1 Online Courses should be completed by all PCC Members and reviewed every three years.

4. Registering on the new website to access PCC papers. All members were asked to do this.

7. Health & Safety & Safeguarding – items to report PJ

Paula thanked Richard Ough and Dave Nash who had completed all the documents but there were still a few items in progress. **The policy will be referred back to the next PCC meeting for discussion regarding further details for activities including HGGs.**

8. LLF Update PB/ML

1. Peter informed the PCC about a special Conference with Archbishop Justin Badi from South Sudan on Wednesday 21st June at St John's Church. The Archbishop was also speaking at All Souls Langham Place and Holy Trinity Platt. LLF has put a strain on the relationship between Salisbury Diocese and South Sudan. The former Bishop of Blackburn, Julian Henderson and the Strategic Director of the CEEC, Canon John Dunnett will also be speaking.

2. Proposed measures regarding withdrawing from parts of Diocesan life. This is a follow-on from the previous PCC meeting and is not easy as things are progressing very slowly. General Synod has not passed a decision yet. They need to agree wording of prayers and to make progress on pastoral guidance to the clergy. Clergy Chapter meetings are difficult and Peter and Matt do not feel free to take Communion when offered. It was noted that within the Deanery two thirds were wanting to see change whilst one third want to maintain the current doctrine and teaching of the church on marriage. There was a huge risk involved in which the direction the bishops were travelling as ordinands' applications have dropped dramatically. We were well down the list for a curate but there would be many looking to come to a church upholding Biblical values in the areas of sex and marriage.

3. Holding back part of our Parish Share (Approx £50K) We contribute about £107K per annum of which £50K is to support work outside of our church within the diocese. We would like our own autonomy over this amount to use in supporting other churches of evangelical faith and/or to our link province in South Sudan. We would not make a decision on this until Synod votes for the motion.

4. Updating the Church family after the Archbishop's visit. It was noted that we need to keep lines of communication open and also be very clear on our position for those seeking to join the church. There could be a future Q&A session in the evening service.

9. Youth and Children SH

Stuart presented a paper to the PCC detailing the Vision for the Youth and Children. Some discussion followed regarding activities available and whether anything could be added. There was hope that Fuse Friday could be held weekly in the church building. We currently don't have an established group in the 14-18 category but summer camps/weekends away were a future possibility. There was also discussion on the relationship with St John's school and how we can influence Christian values. The PCC were encouraged to pray for young people and all working and serving with them, to pray for a harvest.

10. Finance SC

a) Accounts to 21st May 2023

The accounts to the end of February are now available and show receipt of tax claim for Global Action of £11657.35 and for P.C.C. of £4118.81 and £4593.23 for Nov and Dec 2022 .

Claims to be made for Jan-April expect to be £16000-£18000

Income for January and February £67110

Expenses January and February £54930

Net income less expenses £12180

After major building works there is a £5157 surplus for January and February

b) Major expenditure >£1000

21/3/23 Total Energies	£4962
21/3/23 Flat roofing	£7884
05/4/23 Rachel Green	£1100
13/4/23 Flat roofing	£7872
28/4/23 Accountant's Fee	£3600

c) Fund Balances & Any matters requiring attention

Balances as of	21/5/23
General Fund	£15,282.62
CAF No 2 Works Account	£153,622.62
CAF No3 Major works 2	£7,853.45
Youth Account	£1,065.48
Children's Account	£475.96
GAT	£29,831.26
	Total = £208,131.39

Income from Fees was higher due to a grant for central heating costs and lettings. Initio trust would be contributing towards the drains repair.

11. Sub-committees – reports

a) Standing and Finance Committee 8/05/2023 PJ

The Committee was currently updating procedures for authorisation of payments. All was poised for action on new light fitments and the Noticeboard. Peter would pursue the contact he met on the Israel holiday for a quotation on the noticeboard.

b) Buildings Management Group – no meeting, planned 23/05/23 KL

c) Global Action Team – no meeting DM

d) Youth and Children's – no meeting, planned 12/06/2023 SH

e) St John's Pre-School – no meeting, planned 25/05/23 PB

12. Activities requiring approval PB

- a) Kid's Venture – Wednesday 26th July activity
- b) Walking Group – various dates throughout the year
- c) Cycle Rides – various dates throughout the year

All were approved subject to a Risk Assessment being provided for the Kid's Venture activity.

13. Any Other Business

Peter invited everyone to the Vicarage on Saturday 27th between 10am and noon to meet

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Gillian Mannouch has been invited to attend as Deanery Synod Member.

Seating in church **DM** it was generally accepted that the new seating arrangement was working well as more chairs could be fitted in.

2023 Meeting Dates:

Monday 17th July, Monday 25th September, Monday 27th November

KAZ 23/05/2023