



St. John's Wimborne
New Life, Full Life

**Parochial Church Council Meeting
Via Zoom
Monday 23rd November 2020
Meeting starts at 7.30pm**

2020/21 PCC Members: Jo Beach, Peter Breckwoldt (Chair), Piers Butterfield, Steve Cornick (Treasurer), Nigel Day (Warden), Max Derrick, Nick Elbourne, John Fleming, James Graham, Jenny Harris, Noel Harrison, Ruth Hay, Stuart Hull (Warden), Mike Jones, Paula Jones, Matt Lee (Curate), Keith Loveless, Andrea Long, Gillian Mannouch, David Morgan, Richard Ough, James Sharman, Paul Wareham, Clive Wills.

PCC Secretary: Kathy Zeal

MINUTES

1. Welcome and opening prayers PB

Peter welcomed everyone to the meeting and spoke for a few moments from Luke Ch 19 v 9 – 10. Zacchaeus was transformed by Jesus. We are called into a family business which is to be Christlike. He can do the same for people we encounter. We can each play a part in praying that we might encourage someone to come down and be a part of Jesus.

2. Apologies PB

Apologies were received from Jo Beach and Noel Harrison.

3. Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on 28th September 2020 PB

The minutes of the PCC meeting held on 28th September 2020 were proposed by Richard Ough and seconded by Paula Jones. All were in approval.

4. Matters arising PB

a) **Lighting project. PJ/KL**

Paula reported that £4,000 had been promised from Trusts already and a further £4,500 would come from the Dorset Historic Trust once the project was completed. Other bids had been submitted, including to the Town Council. Clive Wills said that we would start the outside first as it wouldn't affect meeting in the church once allowed. We are still waiting for a response from the Council on the Planning Application. The estimated Budget was £25,000 for the outside of the church and £75,000 for the inside.

b) **Kitchen project. (no change from previous PCC meeting)**

It had been decided to adopt "Plan B" for replacement of the cooker range and the under-counter dishwasher along with an upgrade on the sub main electric cable and a fan to assist air flow and cooling. The budget limit was set to £10K. This work would most likely be scheduled for the summer holidays 2021 for minimum disruption.

Some discussion followed over the lighting project. Keith estimated that the church buildings would need to be closed for 2 – 3 months so the timing schedule was important. A question was raised about starting as soon as possible whilst we were used to streaming

services and not being in church. This was difficult due to waiting for approvals and bid applications, getting contractors started under current Covid conditions and loss of funding from Talbot Village Trust, who will not fund once a project has been started. A question was raised as to the accuracy of the quotation. There were fewer variables unlike the kitchen quotation but there was the assurance that the project would not be green lighted until the PCC had all the facts and figures. It was accepted that this work should still go ahead in some form as risks had been highlighted more than once by electricians.

5. Finance **SC**

a) Accounts to 31st October 2020

Stephen presented the accounts to the end of October 2020. Income has held up at £229,594 (Budget £227,106). Expenses were £207,875 (Budget £229,854). Staff expenses and property maintenance had been significantly lower so instead of a budgeted deficit of £2,748 there was a surplus of £21,719. A grant of £4,000 had been received and after deduction of £11,786 for major building works, there was a surplus of £13,933.

Bank account balances:-

	31.10.2020	23.11.2020
CAF General	39415	48089
CAF No 2 & 3 - Major Works accounts	127208	127208
CAF Youth	3424	3545
CAF Children	503	634
CAF GAT	20774	30282
TOTAL BALANCES	191324	209758

b) Items over £1,000

£1,008 to Paul Covell for lighting project design.
 £3,300 – Steve Coleman re external redecoration of Church Office
 £1,200 – RLM Architects re Kitchen Project

c) Fund Balances & Any matters requiring attention.

Nothing further to discuss here.

6. Budget for 2021 (including BMG 5 Year Plan 2020-2025). **GM**

Gillian presented the latest Budget 2021v3 to the PCC. The previous Budget had been projected on September giving x 12 but October 2020 giving had been less so she was being slightly more prudent. We were basically in a break-even position before any major building work, with a small surplus of £58. Stuart asked if we would add the major works into the budget once we get the figures. Gillian responded that we would once we have a figure and that this would create a deficit for next year.

Staff pay would not rise in January as the rate of inflation was so low. The Budget had been calculated to include the possible rise in April 2021 National Living Wage in mind as this affected a couple of staff.

The Deanery Share would be the same as 2020 but no discount was being given for paying upfront so we would be reverting to monthly payments. This would be to our advantage at the moment.

The PCC agreed the following resolution:

The PCC accepts Budget 2021v3 as presented. This was proposed by Stuart Hull and seconded by James Sharman. All were in favour.

7. St John's Vision. ML

Matt summarised for the new members of the PCC that St John's Vision 2015 – 2020 had been established in the New Life and Full Life Booklet which the PCC had revisited in 2019 to review for the future. It was now time to look at this general framework again.

Aims: Everyone in discipleship.

Serving in Community.

Commitment to witness.

Some discussion followed regarding support of one another which had been noted by some outside of the church that it was good, but we were still concerned that some were on the edge of things and we needed to address how we connected with new members.

The central importance of Homegroups reflected our fellowship, but we still had to be aware of those outside of these. The website was regarded as very important as the window into the church and was currently under revision.

Moving on from the Covid situation we needed to address whether we needed to resume all activities and whether some should be stopped.

It had been decided that the HGGs would study our Church Vision over six weeks in Studies produced by Matt and feedback from these studies would be followed up in a PCC Vision morning on 20th March 2021.

Peter encouraged us to come together to pray about this.

8. St John's and the Local Community. PB

Peter commended his Community Action 2020 Paper to the PCC with 3 questions to consider:-

1. Should we stop as this point until we have our St John's Vision clearer?
2. Is there anything we are doing that we should stop?
3. Is there anything more that we could be doing regarding community action?

David Morgan said there was a "Yes and no" answer with which there appeared to be general agreement. We should press on where we are working at the moment but it was also important to discuss St John's future Vision together. Peter would be including these questions in the notes to the HGGs for feedback by 20th March 2021.

9. Ministry during Lockdown and Christmas 2020. PB

Peter had met with Sue Stein and Jane Rynne to discuss the services we could offer at Christmas. It was determined that we would offer 8 Christmas Services with a booking system. Five of these would be Carol Services and 3 would be Christmas Day services. (Christmas Eve afternoon and Christmas Day morning.) It was hoped that everyone in the church could have at least one experience of Christmas. It was thought that we could accommodate 100 people in the church if we had the "perfect fit" of social bubbles. There would also be some accommodation in the overflow room should people just turn up. Invitation flyers would be put out as soon as we knew what the Government were going to allow us to do at the time. All the services were going to be streamed and there was some discussion over upgrading the central camera to achieve a better image.

10. Living in Love and Faith Report PB/ML

Peter commended the Report produced by the General Synod of the C of E to the PCC. This is a resource compiled over 3 years from many working groups. It is intended for churches to run as a course and discuss. Peter thought we would address this next Autumn to provide feedback within 18 months.

11. Sub-committees – reports

a. Standing and Finance – 9th November 2020 PJ

The items discussed had already been covered in this meeting and Paula had nothing further to add.

b. Buildings Management Group – 10th November 2020 KL

The kitchen and lighting projects had already been covered. Keith had good news today in that we have a grant of £2,000 from the Erskine Mutton Trust for the lighting. It was decided to leave discussion about the noticeboards until the next meeting. Keith was progressing a number of small maintenance issues. He further sought agreement to fell a silver birch tree on the north side of the church. The reason being the vigorous growth of the tree is causing a nuisance and necessitating twice yearly access to the church roofs to trim it back and away from the roof areas where it is causing regular blockage of rainwater systems by leaf drop. Keith mentioned that the tree had been planted in memory of a previous member of St John's and his widow was still a member of the church. Nigel Day suggested that she was contacted. Keith & Nigel agreed to discuss this matter together.

The PCC agreed the following resolution: **To fell the birch tree on the north side of the church and to obtain the necessary Faculty & Planning approvals for this.** This was proposed by Keith Loveless and seconded by Clive Wills. All were in agreement. Peter thanked Keith.

c. Discipleship – (No meeting) ML

d. Outreach – (No meeting) ND

e. Global Action Team – (No meeting) DM

f. Youth and Children's – 12th November 2020 SH

Stuart commended the minutes of the above meeting to the PCC and asked for prayer as there had been so many changes to the Youth Programme and so much had been called off. They were thinking and praying about the way ahead.

g. St John's Pre-School – 13th October and 19th November 2020 PB

The minutes of 13th October were commended to the PCC. The minutes of 19th November are not available yet but Gillian said that the main item was to look at the Budget. There had been a projected deficit of just under £3,000 for 2021. The accounts for 2020 are expected to show a surplus because of increased attendance. The Budget for 2021 has been approved. Andrea Long raised concern about how the Pre-school balances were going to be handled. She

believed the money was the responsibility of the Pre-school. Stuart said that looking at reserves had been a task allocated to him. Peter assured Andrea that he, Gillian and Louise were all working openly together on this matter.

11. Activities requiring approval. PB

No activities.

12. Any Other Business PB

Peter had received notification of building development on the Wimborne Market site. There would be 120 living units, shops, a hairdresser and a meeting room. This was due to start in 2022.

Matt closed the meeting in prayer.

2020 Meeting Dates

(Via Zoom at 7.30pm) 25th January 2021

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