

Minutes of a Meeting of All Saints' PCC
Tuesday, 1st June 2021 remotely via Zoom

St Matthew's, Harwell and All Saints', Chilton PCCs were present together for Items 1. For the other items, only All Saints' PCC members were present.

1. Opening & Prayer

Tony Hughes (St Matthew's) chaired the combined section of this meeting, and asked Rev Pam Rolls to open the meeting.

Pam read Psalm 29 (Trinity Sunday). We need to focus on the Lord, for Him to guide us. He gives strength to his people, and offers each of us peace.

She then opened the meeting in prayer.

Service patterns after lockdown – update following Combined PCC meeting

The only joint item was Paper (e)– Services in 2021 and beyond – update May 2021 presented by the Rector and on the Agenda for information. It had become clear that some PCC members wished to have further discussion of some issues in the proposals.

As the Rector was not present at today's PCC meeting, it had been agreed to have a separate meeting for this. A Doodle Poll had shown Wednesday 9th June to be the date available to most, so this was agreed upon. A Zoom meeting would be arranged for 7.30 pm.

At 7.55 pm, the PCCs separated into breakout rooms, and the individual meetings followed.

Present:

Hazel Benton (Vice Chair),
Yvonne Sanderson (Churchwarden),
Judith Russell (Churchwarden),
Phil Corbishley (until 8.30 pm),
Rev Pam Rolls,
Pat Moseley,
John Pigott,
Carol Pigott (Acting secretary)
Stuart Gibson (from 8.05 pm)

2. Apologies for absence had been received from Rev Jonathan Mobey, Rev Jan Radford, and Alex Reich.

3. Welcome of New Members

There being no new members, Hazel reminded PCC that people could be co-opted on during the year, to fill the three vacancies.

4. Minutes of last meeting.

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 2nd March 2021 were approved unanimously.

Also, the minutes of the meeting held on 1st September 2020 were approved unanimously.

Both sets of minutes, with the minutes of the other PCC meetings held during lockdown, would be signed later.

Action. CMP/JLM

5. Matters Arising from the Minutes

i. Church Access, ramp

The ramp into church needs to be trialed, when lockdown eases. To stay on the agenda. **Action. CMP**

ii. Boundary wall (Status)

At the recent APCM, PCC were asked to pursue further discussion with the Diocesan Registry, to ensure we come to a permanent legal arrangement with the house owners, over ownership/maintenance of the wall.

Pam was aware that fees are payable to the diocese (of £300/hr. or more) and an earlier request that the diocese borrow the original files from the Church Commissioners for checking came to no avail.

The proposal :

That the Rector speak with the three house owners initially, to gather as much information as possible, and then approach the Registry, with a view to drawing up an agreement with the three owners.

Was proposed by Pam Rolls, seconded John Pigott, and passed unanimously.

(Comment from Carol. I tried to find the actual fees to be charged, on the Diocesan registry website but only found "The Registry provides initial advice in relation to ...(various areas)...under a retainer paid by the diocese" . Then "For the avoidance of doubt, advice in relation to other areas is not covered by the diocesan retainer, and separate fees will be payable, including for: Property research (including boundary disputes)....")

6. Appointment of PCC Officers.

Vice-chair: Hazel Benton
Treasurer: Stuart Gibson
Acting Secretary: Carol Pigott

The above were proposed by Pat Moseley, seconded by Judith Russell, and elected unanimously.

7. Appointment of Subcommittees.

Finance: Clergy, Churchwardens, Treasurer
Fabric: John Pigott and Judith Russell

Proposed by Carol Pigott, seconded Phil Corbishley, and elected unanimously.

The chair of Fabric Committee remains vacant, following Andrew Hayes retirement from the role.

8. Election of PCC representatives

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| i. | Village Hall Management Committee. | Currently vacant, could be a member of the congregation. |
| ii. | Stewardship/Gift Aid Secretary. | Stuart Gibson |
| iii. | Electoral Roll Officer. | Carol Pigott |
| iv. | Approval of Sidesman | |

John Berry	Hazel Benton	Judith Russell
Phil Corbishley	Liz Morris	Jeremy Sanderson
Naomi Gibson	Pat Moseley	Yvonne Sanderson

Steve Hale
Andrew Hayes
Dave Kerr

Carol Pigott
John Pigott
Alex Reich

Audrey Slater

- v. Health and Safety Representative. Currently vacant, following Andy Wells moving away

The above representatives, and sidesmen, were proposed by John Pigott, seconded Yvonne Sanderson, and elected unanimously.

9. Appointment of People for Tasks.

This list had been circulated as paper (c).

Vacancies, apart from those noted above, exist for Clock Maintenance.

Stuart has asked the Cumbria Clock Company to provide annual maintenance, at £187 p.a.

Currently, the auto-winding is not happening, and he will ask them to correct this.

It was also noted that St Matthew's needs to elect a new Safeguarding Officer, following the death of Mel Gibson, while Judith Gold will continue as deputy.

All the above were proposed by Pam Rolls, seconded by Phil Corbishley, and elected unanimously.

10. Committee reports

i Finance.

The Finance report, and Revenue Account, for 1st January to 31st May 2021 had been circulated (Papers (g) and (f))

(Phil Corbishley left the meeting at this point)

Hazel asked about progress on the Youth Trust, Didcot. Stuart replied that we should need to raise the same amount of funding, if the Youth Trust is started up, or not.

Pat asked about the effect of the Covid-19 pandemic on church funds. 2020 was not as bad as anticipated, and we are in a stronger position at this time, than last year.

Judith asked how much of a deficit was there still on the path fund. Currently £1,179, but diminishing every year.

Pat asked how much were we paying for the Pebbles meetings in the hall. Nothing so far, since March 2020, because of lockdown.

Hazel asked how the Chilton Mutual Aid Group Fund was to be distributed. We are simply "holders" of this fund. Stuart will suggest the Group publicises how the remaining funds will be distributed.

Discussion on the sound and vision provision in church, with the possibility of live-streaming ensued.

A new sound desk is to arrive by Friday; Stuart has a new lectern mic; we need a new laptop.

Judith asked if we need a licence for live-streaming, but Stuart said no, we are currently using YouTube, which needs no licence, but if we use CD s in church, a licence would be needed

ii Fabric.

Andrew Hayes had sent apologies that there were no fabric papers for the meeting, as Audrey had needed emergency surgery very recently. She is now recovering at home.

Hazel said that we all wish her very well, and a speedy recovery to full health.

11. Review of Easter

Pam reported that;

The Rector had sent out daily emails (with children's activities included) which had been well received.

She had done daily video reflections, also well received.

Melanie and Sarah had organised prayer spaces in church, and there was evidence these had been well-used.

There had been an Agape Zoom service on Maundy Thursday, an Easter Vigil service in All Saints' churchyard on the Saturday evening, and Sunday had seen a Pebbles Zoom service, a live service in church, and an evening telephone service.

12. Future Dates.

The Annual D-Day Service at Harwell Stone would be live-streamed at 5.30 pm on Saturday 5th June. Pam will ask Jonathan to email out the link.

The first service in Chilton will be at 9.30 am on Sunday 4th July, easing of lockdown permitting. This would be a celebratory service.

Next PCC meetings:

Wednesday 9th June, extraordinary CPCC.

Via Zoom

Tuesday 6th July Combined PCC.

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13. Any Other Business

Some light bulbs in church need changing, and mic batteries need charging

Pat wanted to wish Hazel well, and a good recovery following her recent surgery.

14. Rev Pam Rolls closed the meeting in prayer, at 8.50 pm.

Carol Pigott (Acting secretary)
03.06.21

Chairperson