

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD ON 16 September 2021 in church and via zoom.

For God, for one another, for the world

Focus for the year - Embedding Christ in the community

Present: Revd. Revd. Chris Bessant (Rector), Elaine Collins (Assistant Priest of Haslemere and Grayswood), Richard Everett, Sarah Hatherall- Good, Tracy Garland (PCC Secretary), Ailsa Guidi, Revd. Fiona Gwynn (Associate Priest), Pippa Hollins-McLean (zoom), Jackie Holmes (Churchwarden), John McLean (zoom), Angela Wheeler (Deanery Representative).

1. Fi opened the meeting with a reading from 1 Peter 5 and prayer.
2. Apologies: Nicola Miller (Treasurer), Anthony Ramsden (Churchwarden and Deanery Representative).
3. Minutes of the meeting of 22 July were unanimously agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising:

i) Fi gave feedback from Kate Darwent regarding wording of the survey.

5. Calendar, including Harvest:

It was agreed the PCC would provide a lunch after the Harvest service. This would be an open invitation to all as a 'welcome back'. Fi to email invitations and Jackie will contact Jasmin regarding catering. *FG & JH*

Food donations would be given to the foodbank and the collection to UNHCR (the UN Refugee Agency).

Jackie had received queries whether the Christmas fayre was going ahead on 4 December. It was agreed this was an important community event, raising much needed funds for the church. If there were sufficient volunteers to help it should go ahead. Fi will put a notice in the news sheet to gauge response before a final decision is made.

FG

27 November Elaine planning an Advent 'quiet morning' via zoom.

19 December 6pm Carol service

24 December 4pm combined crib and Christingle service, 11.30pm communion

25 December 10am service

26 December 10am service (no 8am).

6. Pastoral ministry:

Fi has sent an email to those previously on the pastoral team for recommendations of those who should receive Harvest cards and biscuits. The school will make cards. Volunteers needed to help distribute.

The focus and purpose of the pastoral team needs re-evaluation.

Tracy would like to attend the Lay Pastoral Visitors' course taking place this autumn. PCC approval is needed and agreement to pay the course fee of £150. Proposed by Jane, seconded by Elaine and unanimously agreed.

7. Children and families:

There was a discussion on how families and children could be encouraged to attend. Richard and Fi continue to do school assemblies. A coffee morning was held in the club for reception parents and 16 attended. Two people have attended the START course, which began on 15 September. Chris suggested the focus should be through our connection with the school. The survey may produce ideas to inform future planning but this is dependant on the availability of volunteers also the re-starting of toddler group.

To be reviewed at the next meeting.

TG

8. Financial report:

Report emailed by Nicola with an explanation that the balance is running at deficit with less than six months worth of money in the bank. However this does not include the recovery of the VAT from the lighting project. A query was raised on the village hall costs compared to 2021. Jackie to ask Nicola to clarify.

JH

The Friends have £12 000 to donate. A second quote is being obtained for the sound and vision update to compare with the quote from B&H.

9. Building and grounds:

i) the path quote from ResinWize was declined by the DAC. A bonded gravel surface was recommended. John is in the process of obtaining three quotes from local companies to include replacing the wooden slope into the church and repair a broken drain. To date a quote of £26 000 +VAT has been received. Ailsa commented that the current slope into the church is well graded and easy to use.

ii) Tracy confirmed the faculty to remove the conifer trees gave the PCC authority to decide on a suitable replacement. A list of recommended trees and stockist had previously been sought from the RHS. An acer griseum was being considered. Consent was given by those present for Tracy and Jackie

to make an appropriate purchase.

TG/JH

iii) Quotes were being obtained for emergency lighting. It was suggested this included replacing the external lights with LED bulbs and lighting in the clock tower.

It was agreed to not proceed with an illuminated display on the exterior of the church (PCC awayday) on the grounds of cost and unsuitability of the church building.

10. Safeguarding:

Jane has revised the self audit and circulated role descriptions which are necessary for all roles in the church. Comments to be emailed to Jane or Fi. *ALL*

There were no safeguarding issues to report.

11. Deanery:

Angela had previously circulated details of the candidates standing for election to the General Synod. Please email any comments to her ASAP to enable her to vote on behalf of the PCC. *ALL*

12. Notices and correspondence:

i) Jackie is willing to stand as school governor, proposed by Jane, seconded by Sarah and unanimously agreed.

The meeting ended at 9pm with the grace.

Signed..... Date

Next meeting 18 November, standing committee 4 November, agenda items to Tracy before this date please.