

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD ON 18 March 2021 *via Zoom*.

For God, for one another, for the world

Focus for the year - Embedding Christ in the community

Present: Sasi Cave (from item 7), Revd. Elaine Collins (Assistant Priest of Haslemere and Grayswood), Richard Everett, Tracy Garland (PCC Secretary), Revd. Fiona Gwynn (Associate Priest), Pippa Hollins-McLean, Jackie Holmes (Churchwarden), John McLean, Nicola Miller, Angela Wheeler (Deanery Representative).

1. Fi opened the meeting with a reading from Hebrews 10 and prayer.

2. Apologies: Revd. Chris Bessant (Rector), Sarah Hatherall-Good, Anthony Ramsden (Churchwarden and Deanery Representative), Darren White (PCC Treasurer).

3. Minutes of the meeting: 28 January 2021 were agreed. To be signed at a future date.

4. Matters arising

i) QI report - urgent issues being addressed except for a working group to plan for net zero emissions by 2030. The switch to LED lighting and the new boiler contribute to this target. The Diocese report advises appointing an Energy Champion and using an energy footprint tool which would be submitted with the Parish return. John has experience in this area and would be willing to be part of a working group. Agreed to publicise in the newsletter for a volunteer to lead on this. *Fi*

ii) Feral doves/pigeons – Fi has been made aware that a local resident has been feeding the birds and has been asked to stop, also noted that a sparrow hawk has been seen in the area. Jackie has purchased a sonic deterrent device to place in the clock tower, it is hoped this will prevent the birds roosting. *Jackie/John*

iii) Church Suite – Now being used by Sarah on the website and to collate contact details of the congregation. The meeting discussed introducing Stripe and GoCardless to facilitate future online payments and donations. Proposed by Jackie, seconded by Angela and agreed by all present.

5. Easter and future services

The church will re-open for 8am and 10am services on Easter Sunday. Booking necessary. No singing or choir. The Good Friday service will be via Zoom.

Palm crosses will be available to collect from the porch. There will be five prayer stations in the churchyard during Holy Week. The cross will be erected on Easter Saturday for all to decorate with fresh flowers and the flower team will be decorating the church. Fi reminded everyone to look at the content on the website.

In future the normal service pattern will resume, which will be a hybrid service (10am only) and include the 8am services on the second and fourth Sunday.

6. APCM 25 April

i) 3 (possibly 4) vacancies. Jane White has agreed to stand. Suggestions were made of other potential members. Fi requested feedback from conversations to collate vacancies. Tracy to contact Sarah. John suggested a thank you card to members standing down. *Tracy/All*

ii) Pastoral teams – vacancies were discussed, particularly Sunday school. Angela willing to continue producing the Sunday school rota. Haslemere parish have advertised for a Children and Youth worker.

iii) PCC awayday – there is a Diocese event online Saturday 8 May 10-1pm. Fi encouraged everyone to participate as this will be an excellent team building event after the APCM. *All*

7. New logo - Main item

A new logo is proposed for use on the website and all communication. The design is inspired by the lych gate. The designs (previously circulated) were discussed and amendments suggested. It was agreed Fi would circulate changes by email for agreement. *Fi*

8. Deanery (Deanery synod notes previously circulated)

The meeting discussed ‘what might the deanery provide to support parishes?’ Ideas suggested included sharing resources for Sunday school, youth and children’s ministry; networking groups and use of social media for >18s.

9. Steering group

Richard gave an update of the steering group, which continues to meet monthly after church. Ideas implemented to date include contributions to the website and the gift packs circulated to those who cannot access online services. It has been a productive group and a useful forum to explore ideas on how to support Fi and look ahead at the future direction of the church.

10. Building and grounds

i) John presented the quotes (previously circulated) on replacing the current gravel paths with a permeable resin based surface, which would improve access. He recommended ResinWize who visited the site, had a clear understanding of the specification, gave a 15 year guarantee and would honour the price quoted. Fi will ask the Friends if they could contribute to costs and the meeting agreed to proceed with a Faculty application. *Fi/ Tracy, Jackie, John*

ii) repair to church wall – this has been done but large sections of the wall are crumbling and unstable, which could present a danger to pedestrians. This was identified in the QI and the meeting agreed professional assessment was necessary. It was agreed to obtain quotations. *John*

11. Finance report

Fi shared Darren’s report, which showed the financial situation is healthy. The accounts are with the accountant for approval by the PCC before the APCM.

12. Safeguarding

All PCC members are up to date with training and there were no issues to report.

13. Notices and correspondence

Thank you letters received from the school and nursery for recent donations.

Sasi has had five volunteers for the flower rota as a result of the recent feature in the Runner.

The meeting closed at 9pm with the grace led by Elaine.

Short PCC meeting before the APCM to agree accounts – date to be agreed.

Next meeting 20 May, standing committee 29 April, agenda items for consideration to Tracy before this date please.

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