

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD ON 18 November 2021 in church.

For God, for one another, for the world

Focus for the year - Embedding Christ in the community

Present: Revd. Elaine Collins (Assistant Priest of Haslemere and Grayswood), Richard Everett, Tracy Garland (PCC Secretary), Ailsa Guidi, Revd. Fiona Gwynn (Associate Priest), Pippa Hollins-McLean, Jackie Holmes (Churchwarden), John McLean, Nicola Miller (Treasurer), Anthony Ramsden (Churchwarden and Deanery Representative), Angela Wheeler (Deanery Representative).

1. Fi opened the meeting with a reading from Psalm 147 v1-5, 10-11 and prayer.

2. Apologies: Revd. Chris Bessant (Rector), Sarah Hatherall- Good.

3. Minutes of the last meeting: correction was made to item 5 - 27 November advent 'quiet morning' is not via zoom. The minutes of 16 September were agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising:

i) Path update – a faculty application has been made with two estimates that adhere to the guidelines from the DAC

ii) Tree replacement: Jackie has placed an order with Majestic trees for a Great White Cherry. This will be delivered and planted in January. A hole needs to be dug in preparation, John agreed to organise this. JM

5. Finance – main item:

i) Finance report. The balance in the current account is favourable considering there has been reduced donations, collections and fundraising this year. Nicola has prepared a draft budget for 2022 and estimates a monthly shortfall of £1000.

ii) A legacy is awaited from the estate of the late Lady Lesley Lewis. Fi suggested this could be used to fund the path replacement and a new AV system. The new system would be attributed to Lesley, which reflects her love of music. Three quotations have been received for the AV system in preparation for a faculty application.

The meeting agreed to tithe 10% of the sum donated which would be put in a separate account and used for outward giving.

Nicola is looking at the costs per donation of an alternative contactless reader, which could be left in church for visitors to use.

6. Calendar:

- i) Focus for the year – it was agreed to carry over the current focus into 2022.
- ii) Missions for 2022 – Angela suggested supporting Crossways counselling again for the January quarter. We would continue to support CMS, TFM and Skillway for the remaining quarters of the year. This was agreed by all present.
- iii) Christmas – Fi suggested a large card to be placed at the back of the church again this year for all to sign. Ailsa agreed to make a card. All agreed donations to be given to Christian Aid AG

The tree will be decorated on 10th in preparation for the 'Christmas Carol' event. 80 tickets are available and selling well.

Ailsa offered to prepare the nativity scene under the altar when the flower team decorate the church on the 18th AG

Christingle and crib service 24th 4pm, advent boxes will be distributed.

Advent communion will replace a nativity service on the 19th.

24 volunteers in the village have agreed to decorate windows for advent on the theme of 'Angels proclaiming good news.' Angela has agreed to produce a map. AW

Christmas Fayre 4th 11-1.30pm PCC to provide items for the luxury hamper for the raffle. Donations to be emailed to Jasmin. ALL

- iv) Calendar 2022 – previously circulated. All to note and email Sarah with alterations. ALL

7. Children and families:

- i) Toddler group will be relaunched in January on Thursday mornings with a rota of volunteers.

We will continue to work with the school and the village to develop relationships with families.

8. Steering group:

Next meeting January.

9. Building and grounds:

- i) 'LOVE' sign – John has organised repairs to the sign. The work has been carried out by Ian Elphick, who lives in the village. He has freely donated his time to the church. The costs have been paid by Pippa and John. The sign will be in place early December and lit at 4.30pm on 5 December with the village hall tree and club lights. JM

ii) outside and emergency lighting - Jackie has obtained quotes from CES lighting, external LED lights £4 200 and emergency lighting £3 000 +VAT. An addition to this is to provide lighting in the clock tower. The Friends have agreed to fund the works. JH

10. Safeguarding:

No concerns to report.

Jane has been on a training day and there are changes to training for PCC members. Updates are required every 3 years. The Dashboard is now online and replaces the self-audit, which was submitted annually. Role descriptions are needed for all volunteer roles. Sixteen have been prepared and are in draft format. The meeting agreed that Jane, Fi and Tracy will discuss the role descriptions and finalise. JW/FG/TG

11. Deanery:

Angela and Anthony reported on the latest meeting. Ken Lindup was elected as Lay representative on the Deanery Synod.

All clergy have received training in 'Living in Love and Faith' and there will now be further engagement at parish level.

We have been asked to feedback on our 'Mission Action Plans,' which are linked to the Parish Needs Process (PNP). To add the January agenda. TG

12. Notices and correspondence:

Thank you letters have been received from Grayswood nursery and the village hall for our financial support during the Covid lockdowns.

Resolution to appoint Paul Heugh as PCC representative as a school governor. Nominated by Jackie, seconded by Angela and agreed by all present.

Tracy informed the meeting that there are 3 gravestones that appear uneven and need attention. There are no family contacts on record and the DAC has provided advice on how to proceed. The meeting accepted the advice from the DAC and the need to ensure the safety to all church yard users. Elaine closed the meeting with prayer at 8.50pm.

Next meeting 20 January 2022, standing committee 6 January, agenda items to Tracy before this date please.

Signed Date

