

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD ON 21 July 2022 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), Tracy Garland (PCC Secretary), Revd. Fiona Gwynn (Associate Priest), Pippa Hollins-McLean, David Hutton, Jackie Holmes (Churchwarden), John McLean (Churchwarden), Nicola Miller (Treasurer), Angela Wheeler (Deanery Representative), Jane White.

Before the meeting began those present had the opportunity to meet Simeon Berends potential PCC school governor. Simeon introduced himself, explained his reasons for standing as governor and then answered questions.

After Simeon left Fi recommended the PCC nominate Simeon, proposed by Jackie, seconded by Jane and agreed by all present. Fi explained there are three PCC governors and it is not always possible to have all three elected from a small congregation. Historically one governor has been from the local community.

1. Fi opened the meeting with a reading from Luke 20 v1-8 and prayer.

2. Apologies. Revd. Chris Bessant (Rector), Ailsa Guidi, Sarah Hatherall- Good, Dian Mordin, Anthony Ramsden (Deanery Representative).

3. Minutes of the last meeting. The minutes 12 May were agreed and signed.

4. Matters arising.

i) The Parish Needs Process is taking place in November; therefore the church away day has been postponed until after this has taken place. Date to be confirmed.

ii) Noted dates of Classic Tales 12 November with snack box for children, Christmas Carol 9 December with drinks and canapés.

5. Safeguarding (main item).

Jane recently attended leadership safeguarding training and gave an overview of the issues raised. These were discussed and queries addressed.

All PCC members are up to date with training. Jane, Fi and Elaine have done domestic abuse training.

It was agreed to hold a safeguarding Sunday in November, possibly with a visiting speaker. Also to advertise the church as a 'safe place' in the newssheet, Runner and notice board.

The meeting expressed thanks to Jane for her commitment to the role as Safeguarding officer.

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6. Finance. (Report previously circulated).

There is a monthly deficit of £1 500 (when fundraising and ad hoc donations are excluded from income). Income = £3 700, parish share = £2 600. The cost of utilities is approximately £1 000 pcm. Ways of increasing giving and

reducing costs were discussed in light of the increased cost of living and energy bills. These included looking at the Parish buying scheme for cheaper green energy, reducing the heating by 1* and heating timings on a Sunday, occasionally using the village hall instead of church. Longer-term benefits and ecological savings were discussed e.g. solar panels. It was agreed to publish information in the newsheet regarding expenditure as discussed at the APCM.

Nicola gave an update on eco church issues, including a Green week in September.

The bank account is in the process of being switched to Lloyds, this will facilitate online banking. Goodbox have been placed into administration.

Fi received thank you letters from the school for the donation towards new phonic books.

7. IF report.

PCC to organise a Harvest ploughman's lunch at the club with voluntary donations to cover costs of the lunch.

Date to be decided for the helper's tea.

8. Building and grounds

i) Parquet floor repair completed. A high clean has been done. The cleaning company did a test clean and seal of the floor. It was decided there was little benefit in having this done.

ii) A bicycle rack has been donated to the church. It was agreed by all present to proceed with installation. John will assess the best location. List B application will be needed.

iii) There are two large leaning gravestones (Smithers and Russell) which have been assessed by Hampshire memorials. It will cost £250 each to jack up and build new concrete bases, removing the crosses if needed. It was agreed by all present to proceed with these works.

9. Deanery.

Angela gave a summary of the May meeting. The donation to the Nigeria fund has been made. Parishes are invited to apply for grants from the mission fund for evangelistic projects, details in attached report.

10. Notices and correspondence.

i) Ride and Stride 10 September, agreed to advertise in Runner and newsheet and provide refreshments on the day.

The meeting concluded at 8.45pm with prayer led by Elaine followed by the grace.

Next meeting 22 September, standing committee 8 September, agenda items to Tracy before this date please.

Signed.....Fi Gwynn..... date.....21 July 2022.....