

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD ON 22 September 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) *via zoom*, Tracy Garland (PCC Secretary), Revd. Fiona Gwynn (Associate Priest), Ailsa Guidi, Sarah Hatherall-Good, David Hutton, Jackie Holmes (Churchwarden), Nicola Miller (Treasurer), Dian Mordin, Anthony Ramsden (Deanery Representative), Angela Wheeler (Deanery Representative), Jane White.

1. Fi opened the meeting with a reading from Mark 10: 32-34 and prayer.
2. Apologies. Revd. Chris Bessant (Rector), Pippa Hollins-McLean, John McLean (Churchwarden).
3. Minutes of the meeting held 21 July 2022 were agreed by all present and signed.
4. Matters arising, none that are not agenda items.

5. i) Calendar.

It was proposed to change the PCC meeting dates to align with a quarterly finance report. The September and November meetings would be combined into an October meeting. The March meeting would be one week later to facilitate approval of the accounts and any other pre APCM matters. This was agreed by all present.

The Carol service date will be changed to 11 December.

Christmas Carol 9 December with wine and canapés, ticket price agreed £5.

There will be a Parish Needs Process introductory assessment day Saturday 19 November 9.45-1pm, at Busbridge Church, Godalming. Fi encouraged as many to attend as possible. ALL

The spring fayre will be May 6 2023.

ii) Hospitality.

Harvest ploughmans lunch 2 October 12 mid day for 12.30pm. PCC members asked to donate a dessert. There will be voluntary donations towards lunch. Cash offerings will be for Water Aid. ALL

Lion, Witch and the wardrobe 12 November 6.30pm with snack boxes, £6 per family.

6. Finance (*report previously circulated*)

£500 grant received from MVM charitable trust.

The bank account is being switched to Lloyds and a Sum Up contact reader has replaced the Goodbox (company in administration).

Cost savings have already been made where possible. Nicola is challenging the electricity bill, which is not accurate. Expenditure will increase on utility costs over the winter. The Parish buying scheme is not advantageous. David suggested reading the gas meter before and after use on a Sunday to try and calculate the cost of heating the church. It was suggested there should be an additional heating charge for weddings/funerals and winter/summer rates for hire of the church. It was agreed the fourth Sunday service would be held at the village hall and the November PCC meeting possibly on zoom (to be confirmed by standing committee 3 November). TG

A suggestion was made that the church could be a warm space in the winter but it was agreed this would be costly and possibly not the social or work space that people may wish to use.

7. Building and Grounds

- i) to note the bicycle rack has been installed and is being used. Thanks expressed to John.
- ii) to note the lych-gate and gate near the memorial garden have been painted. This was a QI recommendation. Thanks expressed to John.
- iii) to note the memorial bench has been repaired and restored. Thanks to Greg and David. The meeting also acknowledged John and David for watering the cherry tree during the drought.
- iv) a query was raised regarding the faculty application for the path replacement. Jackie reported the DAC have requested further information.
- v) David gave an update on the headstones needing repair. He suggested some could be made safe by the building team to avoid PCC expenditure. David has produced a spread sheet recording the headstones in the church yard and actions taken.
- vi) the AV faculty has been approved in principle.
- vii) new lights have been installed in the clock tower and at the lych-gate. The floodlights will be changed to LED and refocused on the church to reduce light pollution affecting neighbouring properties.

8. Safeguarding.

No issues to report

- i) a new safer recruitment policy for ex-offenders was adopted, proposed by Anthony, seconded by Sarah and agreed by all present.
- ii). the updated hire agreement was agreed by all present.
- iii) the issue of personal contact details being available online and on printed materials was discussed. It is not feasible to use the church office as a contact for all groups etc. and it is more inclusive if a personal contact can be made. The use of virtual numbers was suggested. This and other security measures need further consideration. Meanwhile individuals will be asked to consent to their information being used and their preference for landline or mobile numbers. Tracy to update Sarah on decisions made. *TG*

9. Deanery

A suggestion was made that an application could be made to the Mission Fund grant for the school visit to Wintershall. *FG/AW*

10. Notices and correspondence.

- i) Phil Miller has decided for personal reasons to stand down from his role as LLM. Fi has sent a thank you garden gift voucher on behalf of the PCC.
- ii) Tracy to send a thank you to the MVM charitable trust for the £500 donation. *TG*

The meeting concluded at 8.45 pm with the grace. Next meeting 17 November, standing committee 3 November, agenda items to Tracy before this date please.

Signed Date