

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD 26 March 2024

For God, for one another, for the world

Focus for the year - Awakening new hope

Present: Revd. Chris Bessant (Rector), Revd. Elaine Collins (Assistant Priest of Haslemere and Grayswood), Jackie Holmes (Churchwarden), Tracy Garland (PCC Secretary), Ailsa Guidi, Revd. Fiona Gwynn (Associate Priest), David Hutton, Nicola Miller (Treasurer), Angela Wheeler (Deanery Representative), Jane White.

1. Fi opened the meeting with a reading from Galatians 6 and prayer.

2. Apologies: Pippa Hollins-McLean, Sarah Hatherall-Good, John McLean (Churchwarden) Dian Mordin, Anthony Ramsden (Deanery Representative), Charlie Webb.

3. Minutes: A correction was made to a sentence in the second paragraph of the finance report of the minutes 19 January 2024. The minutes were then agreed and approved by all present.

4. Matters arising:

i) The CDP leaflet is now available at the back of the church. Thanks were expressed to Sarah for the design and production.

ii) Easter services and events as publicised.

iii) Rear pew has been removed to provide a space for the children on Sundays (now located in the north transept). Thanks were given to Daphne and Greg for the donation towards the cost of a rug.

5. Main item: APCM 21 April.

i) Jackie and John are willing to stand as churchwardens. Jane, Ailsa and Sarah are at the end of their three year term. Jane is willing to be re-elected. Ailsa will continue as a member of the IF group, thanks were given to Ailsa for her contribution to the PCC. Fi has also thanked Sarah for her contribution to the PCC and the meeting wished her well for the future.

ii) The Sides person and Chalice assistant lists were approved by all present.

iii) The meeting agreed the fabric report and Trustees report

iv) The Terrier and Log Book were presented to the meeting and the Terrier signed by the churchwardens. The meeting expressed their thanks to Sarah for reproducing the Terrier online and to David for photographing all the necessary items. This has been a huge task and the first revision of the Terrier for nearly forty years.

6. Finance.

i) The draft accounts for the year ended 31 December 2023 had been previously circulated. There are some minor corrections to be made to the reports, trustee list and inaccurate dates but the balance sheets are accurate. The meeting agreed to adopt the accounts via email when corrections had been made.

Nicola will produce an explanatory leaflet for the APCM summarising key points from the accounts. NM

ii) A resolution from the ombudsman remains outstanding regarding the electricity bill.

7. Building and grounds.

i) Inaccuracies were reported to the October meeting regarding the gravestone survey. The 8 unsafe memorials identified in 2022 have all been repaired/replaced except one. The DAC advice needs to be followed for the unsafe memorials identified July 2023. A notice is fixed to each memorial.

The website shows a plan of the memorials in the churchyard, brief description and photograph. Thanks were expressed to Sarah and David for this excellent record keeping.

ii) Final snagging of the path is now complete. Ailsa reported positive feedback from users with mobility issues.

8. Safeguarding.

i) Dashboard is up to date. The advice remains unclear regarding DBS checks for all PCC members and the status of training, Jane will attempt to clarify with the Diocese.

ii) A safeguarding concern has been reported to the Diocese and no further action is required.

It was not possible to discuss the safeguarding implications of having the porch used for homeless individuals so this will need to be discussed at the next PCC meeting. TG/JW

9. Notices and correspondence.

i) Thank you letter sent to Daphne and Greg for funding the rug in the children's area.

ii) Grave space reservations have been received for Janet Bigos and Barbara Steele-Perkins. Approval and resolutions were passed in support of both applications. Janet: proposed by David, seconded by Elaine and agreed by all present. Barbara: proposed by Angela, seconded by Jane and agreed by all present (10 members).

iii) Thank you letter received from the Children's Society for the donation (Christingle).

Next meeting: 16 May, standing committee 30 April, agenda items to Tracy before this date please.

The meeting concluded with prayer at 8.40pm.

SignedF Gwynn..... Date16/5/2024.....