

PCC MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on
Monday 21st June 2021



1. Welcome, Apologies & Opening Prayer

ABar welcomed those members present and on zoom :

Ann Barrett (Chair)
Martin Evans
Alison Hornsbury
Anthony Bullock
Andy Gordon
Bryony Trill
Robert McCorquodale
Daniel Hulls
Helen Dagleish
Frances Harris
Eleanor Puttock
Peter Parsons (Treasurer)
Steph Hoskin
Helen Robbins
Jo Wroe
Julia Evans
Christina Barry
Rodney Hawkins

Apologies from Elisabeth von Rabenau who is on holiday.

RH opened in prayer.

2. Vacancy

CR assumed the chair for discussion regarding the job description & person specification. Small group discussions were summarised and recorded by CR & HR. These are to be incorporated into a revision of the draft document and have been submitted to the Archdeacon for consideration of the issue of patronage. It is then proposed to consult with the congregation.

Action - All

CR asked if anyone was interested in being part of the sub-group to plan the congregation consultation to let him or HR know.

3. Minutes of Last Meetings

Minutes received and approved.

4. Matters Arising

The result of the doodle poll has suggested Tuesday is the best evening for future meetings. RM had also requested reverting to the practice of circulating approved PCC minutes to the congregation. This will begin from the September meeting. Sophie Young has now also been contacted about speaking at the PCC.

Action – ABar

Future meetings to be held on Tuesday evenings.

From September – approved PCC minutes to be circulated to the congregation.

Invite Sophie Young to September PCC meeting.

5. Reports

A. Finance – budget & Heritage grant

There are no significant changes since the last meeting to report & budget reports had been circulated prior to the meeting. The Heritage Grant was being well handled by the Grants Administration team and appropriate records being kept. The Centre had lost a few bookings due to the extension of lockdown but this was not significant. PP still confident we will end with break-even or surplus at end of year.

Question re: income during Interregnum. The church will still continue to pay the parish share, even if there is no Vicar in post. It is also possible that congregational giving may decrease depending on the length of the interregnum. Giving has decreased over lockdown but this is in line with other churches in the Diocese.

Gift Day – PP feels we need to have a more focused attention on giving. He has been approached by members of the congregation to see if giving had been appropriately received. As treasurer it was not possible to answer these questions and they had been passed to Keith Cowley. It was proposed to acknowledge gifts from people on receipt & report to the congregation to confirm the amount received. ABar agreed – PCC passed.

Action - PP

Formally acknowledge donations for Gift Day.

B. Safeguarding

FH is working through a comprehensive checklist to ensure compliance with the Church of England safeguarding regulations. The policy has been refreshed, website updated and posters put up at the church. Volunteers are being encouraged to update safeguarding training. Thanks to ABar for undertaking training as Safeguarding Officer. It is proposed to keep safeguarding high on agenda at PCC meetings and within congregation. It was confirmed that new PCC members have undertaken the relevant training. ABar also noted that posters are to be put in the centre toilets regarding domestic abuse according to request by diocese.

B. ArtsFest

The deadline has moved and a meeting to discuss whether the Artsfest will proceed is planned for Mid-July, with brochure to follow. The website should be up and running in next couple of weeks. There are no financial concerns. DH requested budget information to be sent to him.

Action - ABar

Send budget details to DH

D. HeartEdge

ABar acknowledged that we had agreed to defer further discussion until the September meeting. There was some strong feeling that committing to membership of HeartEdge would be advantageous in explaining the stance of the church to a new incumbent. After further discussion there was a majority, not unanimous, agreement to go ahead. If there were strong feelings within the congregation, this would be taken into account.

Action – AH

Motion passed to join HeartEdge by majority. AH to action this.

E. Eco Group

The group are currently taking a well earned rest.

F. Inclusive Group

This has been formally launched and has already recruited a new member. The next major event is on 7th November with a speaker from Oxford Diocese who works in field of disability. More details to be confirmed. SH & HD are to be the main contacts for this group.

G. Centre Report

Jenny is continuing on furlough until September. Building works and the garden are going well. It was echoed that there has been a drop in centre booking since the latest delay in releasing lockdown. Thanks were expressed to Dianne Slack.

6. Opening-up arrangements

Hospitality has opened up for Simple Supper, plus Thursday and Friday lunches. Services are continuing in person and on zoom until further Government guidance is released. A query was raised regarding the defibrillator and how to use this. It was explained that clear instructions were provided on use by the public.

7. Michael's Leaving

JC's lunch was much appreciated and enjoyed. Lunch for Michael also proposed. Alex Hughes isn't able to come but will meet with Michael before he leaves. A video message was also suggested, with JE to float this idea. Names of invitees for the lunch who are not currently regular attenders at church to be sent to ABar.

Various suggestions were discussed and a monetary gift was agreed, in addition to Jenny Beckett's book of photographs. Andy offered to help with editing of videos. AB suggested collecting stories and offered to initiate this.

Action – All

Send names of invitees for Michael's leaving lunch to ABar.

Video message from Alex Hughes - **JE**

Collecting stories to compile - **ABar**

Editing leaving video – **AG**

8. AOB

There were no items of additional business.

It was highlighted that meeting dates for 2021 had now been circulated on the agenda and any items to be considered were to be submitted in advance. Further extraordinary meetings may be needed in response to the consultation with the Archdeacon.

HR mentioned a summer meet up in her garden for the PCC

Action - HR

To submit dates via SD for Summer meet up.

Future PCC Meeting Dates

Tuesday 14th September 2021 at 7.30pm

Tuesday 12th October 2021 at 7.30 pm – Extraordinary meeting

Tuesday 14th December 2021 at 7.30pm