

The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Marcham with Garford

Minutes of the meeting held on 25 September 2019

Present

Richard Zair (RZ)
 Alicia Davies (AD)
 Grace Burfitt (GB)
 Tamsin Gilbert (TG)
 Malcolm Denton (MD)
 Danni Grady (DG)
 Rosemary Siebert (RS)
 Caroline Manders (CM)

Ruth Atkins (RA)
 Michelle Herbert (MH)
 Mary Embleton (ME)
 Kevin Mentzel (KM)
 Chrystal Poon (CP)
 Neil Rowe (NR)
 Jill Rowe (JR)
 Sarah Lunn (for single item)
 Anne Wilson (for single item)

Item		Action
1&2	<p>Welcome, opening prayer and Bible reading RZ opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He read Psalm 127 and opened the meeting in prayer.</p>	
3	<p>Apologies for absence Cathie Little (CL), Tim Jack (TJ), Charles Gaisford (CG), Chris Nutman (CN)</p>	
4	<p>Conflicts of interest</p>	
5	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2019 The minutes were approved as an accurate recording of the meeting.</p>	
	<p>MML update ME provided an update. ML requested the PCC to decide on some expenditure for a project in a remote village in Moldova working with a charity.</p> <p>The expenditure of £1,200 for a kitchen was proposed RS and seconded by NR and approved by the PCC.</p>	
	<p>Finances RA read out an update from CL and TG explained enquiries are being made with people who may be able to help with finances.</p> <p>End of August income £78,000 into general funds and £6,677 income to the church approx. £84,000. Expenditure £81,554 so £,3,123 remaining. This does not include gift aid contributions.</p> <p>JR made a request to use holiday club funds of £850 to fund Lamp Collective to do a Christmas show. People will also be asked to pay towards a ticket. The PCC approved the request.</p>	

	<p>Contactless giving is now up and running and will be used for the first time at the gala dinner</p>	
	<p>Parish Share for 2020 RZ explained that the Deanery have outlined our parish share, considering rebates – looking at 1.4% increase. £70,621 (us and Shippon). Last year was £67,881.</p> <p>(CM arrived)</p> <p>RZ added, Shippon PCC recently met and agreed to continue with their current contribution of 20 per cent.</p> <p>CM proposed the parish share for All Saints is 80 percent and TG seconded the proposal.</p> <p>PCC resolution is to approve the 80 percent parish share contribution from All Saints and Garford.</p>	
	<p>Church Family weekend in October RZ read out information about the church weekend and asked all PCC members to encourage others to attend.</p>	
	<p>Parish profile RA and MH provided an overview of the potential content for the parish profile and noted the comments made by members.</p> <p>RA and MH will progress forward with a more detailed draft version.</p>	<p>RA and MH</p>
	<p>Fabric MD provided an update.</p> <p><u>Waste bin fire</u>: individuals have been identified by the Police. They have been involved in other incidents in the village. Police are looking at restorative justice as a consequence. Waste bins have been ordered.</p> <p><u>Yew tree</u>: The Vale has no objection to the tree being removed. £744 quote to remove it. Resolution passed to apply for faculty to remove the yew. Proposed by MH, seconded by GB and endorsed by the PCC.</p> <p><u>Structural engineers report</u>: NR fed back on the report and said at All Saints the beam supporting the tower and the cross beams in the main church have been reviewed and are to be monitored over the next five years. At St Luke's there are cracks on all four walls, and these are to be monitored it over the next five years.</p> <p>A new lock on the small outside vestry door needs replacing and MD will action this.</p>	<p>TG</p> <p>MD</p>

	<p><u>Garford heating</u>: corrosion in the system due to the system not being used for long periods of time. Debbie Flint has written to the residents of Garford explaining the problems and suggested a meeting to discuss the options. MD will contact the manufacturers to see if they have any advice to give.</p>	MD
	<p>Thirsty Café initiative Sarah Lunn joined the meeting for this item.</p> <p>Seed corn funding of £5,000 is required to get the café up, running and going. The PCC could contribute this as a gift.</p> <p>Proposed by CP and seconded by AD and approved by PCC.</p> <p>Setting up a legal entity - community benefit society RS will help to review what this means. Sarah Lunn will provide a summary to RS.</p> <p>DG felt more discussion is needed with MCG and DG will discuss this with Sarah Lunn. Richard Zair will speak to the chair of the MCG finance committee chair, Adam Grady.</p>	<p>Sarah Lunn and RZ</p> <p>DG and RZ</p>
	<p>Safeguarding review</p> <p>Anne Wilson joined the meeting and shared with the PCC the revised Safeguarding Policy.</p> <p>The policy was proposed by TG and seconded by CM. PCC members adopted the policy.</p> <p>Social media policy will be required to support this – action: RA will find out more information.</p>	RA
	<p>Safeguarding review TJ will support/back-up Anne Wilson in her role and Anne will attend the PCC on a quarterly basis. Anne was thanked for her work.</p> <p>A reminder was given to those who have not completed their safeguarding training to do so.</p>	
	<p>New community Hall likely charges RZ will circulate these for discussion at the October PCC</p>	RZ and TG
	<p>AOB <u>Health & Safety</u>: Nothing to note</p> <p><u>Off-site activities</u>: JR & TG to look after children for day on 5th October. Consent form to be signed by parents.</p> <p><u>AV security</u>: CCTV quote awaited</p>	

	<p><u>Vicar's Discretionary Fund</u>: RZ asked if the PCC would budget for a discretionary fund – PCC agreed</p> <p><u>Move of parish office next year</u>: Parish office will need to move once RZ & SZ have moved out of 41 NS.</p>	
	<p>Closing prayer</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.45pm</p>	