

The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Marcham with Garford

Wednesday 28th June 2023 – 7.45pm All Saints' Church, Marcham

MINUTES

Present:

Revd Nick Weldon (NW)	Jonathan Boardman (JB)	Sue Lawton (SL)
Neil Rowe (NR)	Tony Carter (TC)	Tim Jack (TJ)
Chrystal Poon (CP)	Carolyn Whiting (CW)	Brian Eccles (BE)
Ruth Atkins (RA)	Catherine Mentzel (CMe)	Caroline Manders (CM)
David Lunn (DL)	Barney Stevens (BS)	Chris Nutman (CN)
Danni Grady (DG)	Ali Lyndon (AL)	James Gilbert (JG) - 8pm

Christian Randall - architect

No.	Item
1.	Welcome, Bible reading and opening prayer: NW Hebrews Ch10, v19
2.	Apologies for absence – Tamsin Gilbert, John Scoble
3.	Conflicts of interest - none
4.	Minutes of the meeting of 26th May 2023 – confirmed as an accurate record. Actions discussed –
5.	6.3 – document linked to liability now on PCC area of website. 8.2 – action carried over, Jane has agreed to join mission group, Sarah is yet to be officially asked but is likely to be positive. 10.5 – extension given to Genesis 1 project. 10.6 – carried over. Matters arising – none <i>James Gilbert joined the meeting.</i>
6.	All Saints Re-ordering Project with Christian Randall (architect) from Conservation architects. Accompanying document: 3 phase plans, statements of need and significance NW – aim is to try to agree this evening on plans for phase 1 so we can send this to DAC. Investigations under the current dais have revealed that it does not have the steps that we previously thought. Phase 1 plans discussed, some discussion over whether all the doors to the kitchen are needed. Discussion as to whether sliding doors are beneficial, or whether just putting a wall here would be better. Phase 2 – discussed level access to just the dais – easier to do as it will be lowered, but access to East end will be harder, 9m ramp required. General consensus was that access was needed to the end, Christian will look at platform lift.

	<p><i>Tim Jack and Chris Nutman left at 9pm</i></p> <p>Phase 3 – new screens at East end, arches infilled, font moved. Discussion about disabled access from this room.</p> <p>NW – requested from Christian a sketch model to help us decide on the next steps. CW – we need to think about costs. Christian will get a quote for estimates on price from a quantity surveyor. General discussion around funding, we need to start thinking about fundraising for all 3 phases.</p>
7.	<p>St. Luke’s Update: CW</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to Ali, Tamsin and those who have supported the running of St Lukes. A team consisting of AL, CW, TC, Neil Whiting, Pamela Carter-Moore and Debbie Flint are now in place to oversee the day to day running.</p> <p>Updates were requested on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Light in churchyard b) Path c) Water d) Toilet <p>Mice are still a problem although none have been trapped.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to those who had cleared the churchyard and who clean the church, and for those involved in the Father’s day service.</p> <p>A new plan for services is being considered from October, with a service on the first Sunday of each month at 11am, supplemented by additional services eg Remembrance. The running of Carols on the Green and the Harvest bring and share lunch will be handed over to the village team.</p>
8.	<p>Safeguarding update and policy refresh: RA</p> <p>Safeguarding policy discussed, amendments highlighted.</p> <p>RA, AL to write a social media policy for discussion at a future PCC meeting.</p> <p>2 ongoing cases.</p>
9.	<p>Disability and Church: report from recent training: RA</p> <p>RA will share her notes from this meeting. Recommended a book on the subject: At The Gates, Naomi Lawson Jacobs, Emily Richardson.</p>
10.	<p>Health & Safety</p> <p>TC raised risk of working at height tasks, suggested we outsource these.</p>
11.	<p>A.O.B.</p> <p>None</p>
12.	<p>Closing prayer - CP</p>

PCC next meetings: Wed 26th July (no meeting in August), Wed 27th September