***The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Marcham with Garford***

**Wednesday 24th April 2024 – 7.45pm, at All Saints Church**

**MINUTES**

Rev Nick Weldon (NW) Tim Jack (TJ) Sue Lawton (SL)

Vicki Tinkler (VT) Mike Worthing (MW) Caroline Manders (CMa)

Catherine Mentzel (CMe) Neil Rowe (NR) Chrystal Poon (CP)

Hugh Lawton (HL) John Scoble (JS) Tamsin Gilbert (TG)

James Gilbert (JG) Danni Grady (DG)

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| *No.* | *Item* |
| **1.****2.****3.4.****5.** | **Welcome, Bible reading and opening prayer: NW** 2 Chronicles 7 v 11 - 16**Apologies for absence –** Jonathan Boardman, James Allen, David Lunn, Bryan Eccles**Conflicts of interest** - none**Minutes of the meeting of 27th March 2024 –** approved and signed as an accurate record.**Matters arising -** none |
| **6.** | **Welcome to new PCC members –** see PCC introduction for new members document.Welcome to Mike Worthing, Vicki Tinkler, Hugh Lawton and James Allen.Members document was discussed. CMa asked whether we could review our services as a PCC.TG suggested an overview once a year of all the activities of the church. SL suggested a PCC day away.  |
| **7.** | **Appointment of PCC officers:** Secretary: Danni GradyTreasurer: Hugh Lawton (assisted by John Scoble)Parish Safeguarding Officer: Ruth AtkinsElectoral Role Officer: Chris NutmanVice Chair(s): Chrystal Poon, Neil RoweStanding Committee: Rev Nick Weldon, Neil Rowe, Chrystal Poon, Hugh Lawton, Tamsin GilbertTG reminded the PCC that she is employed as a church administrator, not as a trustee. |
| **8.**  | **St Luke’s sub-committee Terms of Reference: CP**See attached terms of reference.Bryan Eccles and Pamela Carter-Moore will report back to PCC four times a year. JS concerned about the finance aspect – it is difficult to separate the accounts and particularly the giving. NW explained that this is to do with the building only and will have a look at the wording.CMa queried agreeing arrangements 6 months in advance – is this far ahead needed? JG suggested we need to give conditional giving more discussion, maybe at an away day. JG asked whether the Garford sub-committee had asked that NW no longer be involved with services. NW confirmed that is the case, and that they have also asked that the wardens no longer be involved in St Lukes. HL asked whether NW was still able to go there for baptisms etc, NW confirmed he can. TJ asked that we make it very clear that NW must be informed of any services.CMe asked whether there is any accountability for the informal services. VT reminded us that 10 years ago there was no congregation in Garford, and now there is a congregation there, which is a positive. To be discussed again at the next meeting after feedback from the Garford sub-committee.  |
| **9.** | **Fyfield and Tubney Parish partnership update: NW**Archdeacon now completing paperwork for cross-licensing agreement. Dates suggested for social event with the two PCCs at Fyfield – Sunday 26th May, 9th June or 16th June, afternoon tea/cake. |
| **10.** | **All Saints Reordering Project Update - Pledge Day**Lottery bid for 20k for toilets is almost ready, then NR and HL will send. 16th June suggested as Pledge day.To be put into MADnews and have a stall at Marcham MAD weekend.  |
| **11.** | **Financial update: JS/HL**Nothing further since APCM. |
| **12.** | **Fabric update: NR**New bench installed by the Denman steps, donated by Pye Homes.Door at Garford to be repaired by Ashleigh Townend.Still waiting for southern electric to cover wires so that some stones can be repaired. Some discussion over whether trees that have needed to be cut down should be replanted, this will need a faculty.Parish council have applied for grant funding from the county council for replacing the path from the arboretum to the Denman steps.  |
| **13.** | **Safeguarding update: RA**No report from RA this month. NW advised still 3 ongoing cases.  |
| **14.**  | **Health & Safety –** no matters arising |
| **15.** | **A.O.B. -** none |
| **16.** | **Closing prayer - CMe** |

**PCC next meetings:** Wednesday 22nd May, Wednesday 26th June.