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

**Wednesday 26th June 2024 – 7.45pm start, at All Saints Church**

**MINUTES**

Rev Nick Weldon (NW) Bryan Eccles (BE)

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

Catherine Mentzel (CMe) Neil Rowe (NR) David Lunn (DL)

Hugh Lawton (HL) John Scoble (JS) Sue Lawton (SL)

Tamsin Gilbert (TG) James Gilbert (JG)

In attendance as guests:

Ruth Atkins (RA, Parish Safeguarding Officer) and Pamela Carter Moore (PCM, St Luke’s sub-committee)

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| *No.* | *Item* |
| **1.**  **2.**  **3. 4.**  **5.** | **Welcome, Bible reading and prayer: NW** NW read Revelation 1:1-8  **Apologies for absence**  Tim Jack, Danni Grady, Chrystal Poon, James Allan.  **Conflicts of interest** None  **Minutes of the meeting of 22nd May 2024** agreed  **Matters arising** Two: 1. NW confirmed that that line expressing hope at pastoral reorganisation with reference to Fyfield and Tubney was removed from the scheme and considered at the Archidiaconal Mission and Pastoral Ctte on 25th June.This would mean Nick would be licensed as Interim Priest in the Benefice of Kingston Bagpuize, Fyfield and Tubney, with responsibility for Fyfield and Tubney for the duration of the suspension (up to 5 years) rather than Priest in Charge.  2. St Luke’s Sub Committee Terms of Reference agreed by PCC (11 in favour, 2 against). PCM with support from BE questioned the need for the terms suggesting they amounted to divorce proceedings from Marcham. SL stated that all members of sub-cttee should be on electoral role. |
| **6.** | **Report from St Luke’s Garford Sub-Committee: Pamela Carter Moore**  Report attached  CMe asked for the letter that was circulated to Garford residents in March about requesting Prayers of Love and Faith at St Luke’s to be made available to PCC. PCM said it was an internal village document and would not be circulated. NW stated that the effect of the letter has had major implications for his ministry and our ministry together as a parish.  PCM shared the names of the St Luke’s sub cttee: Tony Carter, Pamela Carter Moore, Andy Viney, Sally Viney, Carolyn Whiting, Neil Whiting, Bryan Eccles, Gay Campbell, Ben Skipp, Chris Webb. |
| **7.** | **Safeguarding Policy review and update: Ruth Atkins (PSO)**  see accompany document  Agreed by PCC following discussion about including a line on screens about live-streaming of services. |
| **8.** | **Financial update: JS/HL**  HL gave brief update on major expenditure for the year: St Luke’s bell and toilet, architects fees. Pledge Day has resulted in £23k donations to date.  JS circulated a note about changing the CCLA bank mandate (agreed by PCC).  HL outlined a request by St Luke’s for a replacement noticeboard on the neighbouring barn wall costing £1k. After discussion about cheaper alternatives it was agreed that details of the board would circulated, giving members a few days to consider the situation, with the expenditure agreed unless a suitable alternative was found. |
| **9.** | **Review of services Part 2:**  As we gather – see accompany discussion document  **NW**  Item carried over to the July meeting. |
| **10.** | **Health and Safety Update**  No matters for discussion. |
| **11.** | **Fabric Update: NR**  NR reported that ST Luke’s door is catching on the floor tiles.  Improvements to the path at the rear of All Saints was turned down by White Horse District Council. The Parish Council will now seek approval for Section 106 funds to be used to improve the path. The Quinquennial reports for both churches have just been received, without time to properly scrutinise them yet, but NR reported that there was little urgent work needed on either building. NR reported that Smart Water needs to be reapplied to lead and items in both churches. NR reported that the coping stone work and repair to slates has not yet been completed at All Saints despite the presence of the scaffolding since May. |
| **10.** | **All Saints Reordering Project Update: NW**  NW reported that tender documents have gone to three building firms with response requested by 24th July. |
| **11.** | **Fyfield and Tubney Parish partnership update: NW**  NW reported that we await confirmation of the new arrangements (see above). NW reported that morning service time would change to 10.30am with effect from 18th August in light of developments with Fyfield and Tubney. |
| **12.** | **A.O.B.** None |
| **13.** | **Closing prayer** |