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

**Wednesday 22nd January 2025 – 7.45pm at All Saints Church**

**MINUTES**

Rev Nick Weldon (NW) Bryan Eccles (BE) James Gilbert (JG) Tamsin Gilbert (TG) Danni Grady (DG) Tim Jack (TJ) Hugh Lawton (HL) Sue Lawton (SL) Caroline Manders (CM)

Catherine Mentzel (CMe) Chrystal Poon (CP) John Scoble (JS) Vicki Tinkler (VT) Mike Worthing (MW) Neil Rowe (NR)

Christian Randall – architect, for Item 7

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| *No.* | *Item* |
| **1.****2.****3.4.****5.** | **Welcome, Bible reading and prayer: NW Acts 9 1-19Apologies for absence – James Allan****Conflicts of interest** - none**Minutes of the meeting of 27th Nov 2024 –** approved as an accurate record. **Matters arising -** Mission committee was meant to be discussed at this meeting, will be discussed at February meeting. Signage for safeguarding etc will be completed. |
| **6.** | **All Saints Reordering Project Phase 1 completion: NW/NR**Thanks were expressed to Christian for his work on the project which is nearing completion. Some snagging problems to be resolved, and some kitchen equipment to be installed. Aim to complete by 5pm on Friday. Still awaiting the correct sink for the downstairs toilet, this is on backorder, currently have a temporary sink. Thirsty café applied for a grant for a dishwasher, but the money needed to be spent very quickly, dishwasher was purchased with these funds and has been in a garage. When unwrapped it turns out it was the wrong dishwasher but the builders have tried to install this so we now cannot send it back. Also, insufficient electricity coming into the building to install the induction cooker, along with this current dishwasher. PCC approved spending £3300 on a new dishwasher to resolve the problem. Could upgrade the electric to 3 phase, which will be needed to replace the boiler in a few years time. This would cost £5833 inc VAT. Other option is to get a battery.Opening event first Sunday in March, church lunch.  |
| **7.** | **All Saints Reordering Project Phase 2 options: NW****with Christian Randall (Church architect) – see attached drawings**Discussed the plans, decided we need to seek permission from DAC to remove some furniture. Further investigations and costings needed. |
| **8.** | **Fabric Update: NR**Office, stairwell and porch painting quotes: £3600 + VAT (Classic), £7000+ (A. Bunce). PCC approved Classic builders to do this work.Quinquennial – Still some tiles to be replaced. Have plenty of tiles left over. Only thing left on quinquennial are trees growing out of the tower 290 +VAT, Guttering repairs 600+VAT and 750+VAT and …..Porch matt quotes £850 and £900 for coir matt. PCC approved this. Denman steps sign that has weathered is going to be replaced by the Parish Council. |
| **9.** | **Curacy update: NW**Phil’s Ordination will likely be in July. Still working on accommodation. Oxford Good Stewards Trust will be giving us a grant, we have applied for £30,000.  |
| **10.** | **St Luke’s Update: written report**No report this month, PCM will come to the March meeting.  |
| **11.**  | **Duffield Place Games Morning: NW**This is now weekly as it is so popular. Kate Jackson, Cathy Little and Heather Sandiford will work on a rota to deliver this.  |
| **12.**  | **Financial update: JS/HL**Summary from JS/HL discussed. Thanks expressed to Hugh and John for all of their work. Giving has increased compared to last year.  |
| **13.**  | **Safeguarding update: NW**Three safeguarding agreements in place which have all been reviewed since the last meeting. NW has had safeguarding training renewed. |
| **14.** | **Fyfield and Tubney Parish partnership update: NW**Service pattern is being adjusted. Trying to encourage evening services to combine, which seems to be going well. Joint evening service will move from 3rd to 4th Sunday.  |
| **15.** | **A.O.B.**NR - Thirsty needs new Christian trustees. NR is concerned it is drifting away from the original vision.  |
| **16.** | **Closing prayer - TG** |

**PCC next meetings:** Wednesday 26th February 2025 at All Saints Church