

Minutes of the PCC Tuesday January 18th, 2022

Item	Subject	Decision/Type
1	The meeting opened in prayer at 8.00pm	
2	<p>Present Gladys Ekpo-Daniels, Revd Bridget Shepherd, Revd Paul Adlington, Richard Evans, James Murdoch, Allison Streetly, Laurie Roberts, Sue Tearle, Adriaan Goosen, Conway Tearle, John Savill, Angela Stebbings, Trudi Bramson, Mia Hadfield-Spoor.</p> <p>Apologies for Absence Abel Wali, Claire Johnson, John Murray, Yi Baylis, Sue King.</p>	
3	<p>Declarations of Interest None</p>	
4	<p>Acceptance of AOB (Notice given to Secretary 48 hours before meeting) None</p>	
5	<p>Approval of Minutes for 29th November 2021 The minutes of the meeting in September were approved: Proposer: Richard. Seconded: Trudi. All others present at the meeting were in agreement.</p>	<i>Carried</i>
6	<p>Matters arising from 29th November</p> <p>None that were not on the Agenda except a clarifying question was asked about the GS Church boundary wall: James reported that we had postponed while we sorted out the boiler, that we had quotes ranging from £16k for a quick fix to £80K for a rebuild and that we were investigating grants before coming back with a recommendation to the PCC.</p> <p><i>and o/s actions from previous Standing Committees and PCCs where not an agenda item</i></p> <p><i>Action from APCM (2020): Laurie Roberts suggested that we put out a brief description of all the roles we wish to resource.</i></p>	<i>On hold</i>
7	<p>Standing Committee The Standing Committee have not met formally since last PCC meeting but have</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Supported Sue and Conway re Boiler repairs (cost increase seen as force majeure and within contingency tolerance) 	<i>Inform</i>

	<p>- Supported Clergy and Staff team re changes to Christmas Services in view of changing Covid situation. The main changes were suspension of coffee, re-introduction of compulsory masks, Christmas day service being online and there being only 9:00am Service at St Peters New Year (2nd Jan). Integrated Zoom/Physical Services restarted from Sunday 9th January.</p> <p>-</p>	
8	<p>Update on Boiler and other fabric matters</p> <p>Sue gave an update and confirmed that we still hope for the work to be completed by the end of January.</p> <p>Cost continues to increase a little since the figure given in last update notably an additional £1,700 to repair where Asbestos people cut pipe for better access and a sum for new sump/pump which the Tanking people have found inadequate. Sue pointed out that the Tanking/Cladding quote we accepted had had several pieces of work which were extra and had been included in the other quote but the total was still smaller than the alternate quote even if not as advantageous as hoped.</p> <p>Laurie thanked Sue and Conway, on behalf of the PCC, for all their hard work on what has turned out to be a complex project.</p>	<i>Inform</i>
9	<p>Next steps re St Peters after meetings with Congregation and Archdeacon</p> <p>Bridget opened by giving a re-cap of discussions and events largely captured in the last (29th Nov) and previous PCC Minutes. As per the last Minutes a meeting had been arranged with the Archdeacon and Bridget, Paul, Sue, James and Angela had occurred that morning.</p> <p>There have been questions about the viability of St. Peter's for at least the past 25 years, albeit there have been periods of growth and optimism during that time. COVID had sharpened our awareness of current decline especially re the viability of the Sunday morning service. Whilst there is some appetite for change and openness to trying new things amongst the St. Peter's congregation, there is also a recognition that the resources to do that are currently very limited. It was noted that the Foodbank, LLF, the refreshed Bereavement Group and Lent course were examples of ministry better suited to the St Peter's building. Hence the proposal was to stop the Sunday 9am Service at Palm Sunday to allow a fallow period whilst we reflect.</p> <p>The PCC then discussed the situation in an atmosphere of sad acknowledgement of the need to change. Angela emphasised that this was a period to let go, pray and develop something new rather as a gardener prunes to enable new growth. In the discussion it was clarified that we are continuing ministry, that the church is not being</p>	<i>Decision</i>

	<p>deconsecrated, that it is a period which will be limited by a six month review, that we would look at the future in the context of the whole parish, that we are looking for growth at grass roots level (not waiting for the cavalry) and that there were ideas and plenty of potential even if easy to say and harder to put in practice.</p> <p>The Archdeacon supports this approach and suggested that we write to the Bishop for permission to suspend Sunday morning worship in this context. Bridget proposed the following motion, to be sent to Bishop Christopher with covering letter, this was Seconded by Angela:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“The Vicar and the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Lee, Good Shepherd with St. Peter's, acting jointly request that, in regard to St Peters, the Bishop authorise suspending the 9am Sunday service i.e. dispensing with the reading of Morning and Evening Prayer as required by Canon B 11, and the celebration of Holy Communion as required by Canon B 14, on a regular basis, from 17th April 2022.</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>The purpose of this change to the existing pattern of worship is to enable the clergy and laity to discern together the best way forward to renew the worshipping life of St. Peter’s, and to consider how St. Peter’s can be best used to serve the mission of God and the needs of the community.”</i></p> <p>Proposed Bridget, Seconded Angela. All in favour.</p>	<p><i>Carried</i></p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Trustees Report</p> <p>James reminded the PCC that we need to write the report for 2021 and approve the final version at the meeting of 16th March to be ready for the APCM in May.</p> <p>James would compile but needed contributions/updates particularly on Achievements and Performance, Electoral Roll, Safeguarding, Fabric, Deanery, Financial Report, Reserves and future plans from those responsible, contributions by the 3rd week in February. In line with guidance from the CofE and Charities Commission; it should be a single report, owned by the PCC and not a collection of reports owned by individuals. There will be room on the APCM Agenda for any Vicar’s or Wardens reflections not needed for the report. Parish Accounts are needed to the same timetable.</p> <p>Mia volunteered to proof-read which was gratefully accepted.</p>	<p><i>Inform</i></p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Safeguarding, Health & Safety update, GDPR Compliance</p> <p>Catrin Cox and Laurie Stuart wish to step down having served for some time as Safeguarding advisers, we are very grateful to them. We</p>	<p>inform</p>

	<p>need new adviser(s) bearing in mind that there is a training requirement, but that substantive admin support is available.</p> <p>John Savill is revising Health and Safety Policy and hopes to have any revision available soon.</p> <p>It was noted that we need to set up Annual GDPR review meeting.</p>	
12	<p>Correspondence: 18th January from Richard Coe re 2022 Archdeacons' Articles of Enquiry</p>	
13	<p>AOB: n/a</p>	
14	<p>Date of next meetings: Standing Committee: tba (proposed 28th February 2022) PCC Monday 21st March 2022 (originally 16th) APCM Sunday 15th May 2022 PCC Sunday 15th May 2022 (following APCM) PCC Thursday 14th July 2022</p>	
15	<p>The meeting closed at 21:17hrs after Closing Prayers</p>	