

Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on Monday 1st July 2024, 7.15pm in the Reid Room

Present: David Goodhew (Chair), Lindsey Goodhew, Phil Edwards, Barbara Edwards, Andrew Devereux, Alistair Bolton, Sue Bell, Gail Roberts, Tony Hutchings, Debs Smith, Mark Allan, Immy Burgess-Hale. Chinedu Anioke arrived at 8.20pm.

1. Worship

The PCC read Psalm 113 together and prayed together for the meeting.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Ali Ward, Fiona Houldsworth, Helen McGregor, Malcolm McGregor, James Cawdell.

3. Replacement piano

Oli George and Phil Hall joined the meeting to talk about the proposal for a replacement piano for the church, which had been circulated and is attached to the minutes. The existing church piano cannot be repaired. Oli and Phil outlined the advantages of the proposed instrument and answered PCC questions. The decision was postponed until after the discussion of finance later in the agenda.

4. Minutes of the meeting of 10th June 2024

The meeting was happy to accept the minutes as a true record of the meeting of 10th June 2024.

5. Matters Arising

- a) Sub-committees – The mission sub-committee members are Glynis Hill, Val Hill, Phil Edwards, Jonathan Shippey, Ann Watson. The committee would be glad to have additional members, particularly PCC members.
- b) EDF – The PCC acknowledged the change of electricity supplier from Eon (as agreed at the last meeting) to EDF.

6. Correspondence

PCC members were reminded of the invitation from David and Lindsey to lunch at the vicarage on Sunday 4th August.

7. Vicar's Report

David reflected on James' recent ordination as priest. James has already taken a Communion service and will begin to be involved in wedding ministry. A lot has happened in the past month with follow-up to Festival Teesside, funerals of longstanding church members and James' ordination. There is also the Borderlands project, continuing baptism enquiries and two baptisms planned to be done in the sea on 14th July.

8 Safeguarding

Fiona Fletcher attended to update the PCC on the parish dashboard. The action plan was circulated to the PCC and approved by email after the meeting. Fiona ran through the list of activities and the PCC approved them.

9. Financial Report

Phil Edwards, the treasurer, updated the PCC on the financial situation and said that the outcome is projected to be £10 – £20,000 worse than budget at the end of the year. The finance sub-committee was due to meet and will bring specific proposals to the next meeting. There was some discussion about the Kingdom Mission Giving and David said he would ask the mission sub-committee to delay the disbursement list until the PCC had been able to think about KMG further.

There was further discussion on the piano. While it was agreed that it is a fundamental part of our worship, there was concern with spending nearly £4000 at this time. After discussion, David proposed that **the PCC approves the purchase of the Nord Stage 4 88 Digital Piano and will consider the purchase of the extended warrantee**, seconded by Immy Burgess-Hale, 10 in favour, none against, 3 abstentions.

10. Building Task Group

This will discuss with the congregation and the wider community, the church and hall buildings, their use and how best to meet future needs, looking long term at the next 20-30 years. It was felt that this was a good way to take this part of the MAP forward and David encouraged the PCC to think about who might be part of the group and who might chair it.

11. Evangelism Task Group

This group will take forward the discussion on church planting and promote evangelism more widely. David is happy to lead it. The group will report back to the PCC in 6 months with proposal. David asked the PCC to think and pray about who might be part of the group.

12. Facilities Management Report

Andrew circulated the report at the meeting. The Designated Advisor’s Report for the sale of 23 Linden Grove had been circulated by email. It was proposed by Andrew that **the PCC are satisfied, having considered the report by Brian Stewart of Browns Chartered Surveyors, that the terms on which the disposition is proposed to be made are the best that can reasonably be obtained for the charity**, seconded by Alistair Bolton, all in favour.

The PCC agreed that the standing committee would decide on whether to just use the Diocesan Solicitor for the sale of the Linden Grove.

13. Green Plan

The Green Plan had been revised in the light of previous PCC discussions. David proposed that **the PCC approves the Green Plan, with the following amendment: 6.4 Third Bullet point - Actions to begin over the next few years ('later'): Investigate the possibility of offsetting for emissions that cannot be managed to net zero in another way**, seconded by Mark Allan, 12 in favour, none against, 1 abstention.

14. Fire Evacuation Procedure

Gail reported that fire evacuation training had taken place on 22nd June and the evacuation tried out on 23rd June. and there would be another session on 5th August. David thanked Gail and Andrew.

15. Deanery Synod Report

Alistair reported on the recent meeting of the Deanery Synod. It is encouraging the churches are starting to work together and this will continue with the Deanery Day, taking place on 19th October at St Barnabas, which is open to everyone.

16. AONB

None

19. Date of next meeting

Monday 2nd September, 7.15pm in the Reid Room.

Chairman.....

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