

Minutes of
Holy Cross Ashton Keynes PCC Meeting
Monday 2nd November 2020 (Via Zoom)

Present: Alison Beadle (AB), Pauline Loveday (PL), Peter Tuck (PT), Linda Tuck (LT), John Harvey (JH) Jessica Burston (JB)

Apologies: Shirley Danby, Tessa Mills, Andrew Sims

Minutes of last meeting

Approved. Proposer: AB Second: JH

1702 Layby Parking

Presently bollards are placed on the morning of a service to reserve space for people with mobility issues. PT to purchase 2 disabled parking signs to be put out when services take place.

1703 Safeguarding

Could everyone please check their DBS is up to date. YE to send JH log in details. YE to check with Avril who is on the list, who of them has a current DBS and share the list with the PCC. All Open the Book participants will need clearance when this resumes.

1704 Newsletter

It is suggested payment collection is moved from February to April when there is lighter nights and better weather. This seems reasonable. Discussion followed re payment arrangements. It is very complicated especially as we don't have a system for contactless payments etc. Direct debit would be difficult as the collectors would not know who has paid. We will keep this under consideration.

1705 Finance report

Balance: PCC £23,000.60

Strudwick £3029.46

CCA deposit £25,208.80

PGS is due on 10th November, last month £665 and £166.25 Gift Aid.

Others have been paying via direct payments and catch up on their envelopes.

Most of the newsletter subscriptions have been collected which is just as well as the money will be due again in the New Year. Treasurer has been trying to think of an easier way of collecting it. Possibly getting people to sign up to an annual £10 standing order, but then how to let the distributors know whose paid and who to collect from. Difficult.

(It was agreed by the PCC to continue to collect cash and review other options of doing this in 2021)

We get monthly revenue for newsletter adverts via the Sheppards in Minety, a proportion of which we pay back to Minety PCC twice a year.

The Diocese wants us to confirm the amount of our Parish Share for 2021, or at least to let them know before the end of October if we can't pay it. They have requested that we pay the same as last year. Proposed that we do pay the same amount as last year which is £21,600 at £1800 per month.

Proposer: AB Secunder: LT

PT to email the Diocese.

We have paid the invoice of £2,472.00 from Textile Conservation for the conservation of our white altar frontal which was on display for the first time on Sunday. £400 less than the original quotation.

1706 Altar Frontal (LT)

The conservation cost £400 less than the original quote. We await the final result of a grant applied for but the grants and donations may cover the costs. If there is any money left over there is some damage to carpet by moth etc in the Lady Chapel which could be repaired.

1707 Church during the November Lockdown

No services will take place however the church will remain open twice a week for private prayer.

Rota for opening as follows:

6-12 Nov JB 13-19 AB 20-26 PT/LT 27-3 Dec JB/PL

1708 Remembrance Day

Wreath to be laid on the cross outside on 11/11/20. There will be no gathering however SD will say prayers. PL to arrange video for Facebook and Nextdoor.

1709 Spring bulb gifts

1000 narcissi bulbs have been donated and have been potted up by a group of volunteers in recycled pots. 140 pots of bulbs will be delivered, together with a label written by the village school children, to some elderly and some vulnerable people in the village. The list of recipients has been provided by the church and Street Wardens. This list is not exhaustive so if there is anyone who the PCC thinks should receive a pot of bulbs should let Alison know and she will check this list and if they are not on it they can be added.

1710 Pastoral Support during the next month

PL to distribute list of names to volunteers so everyone knows who is supporting whom.

1711 December Services

From Rev Shirley;

PL is conducting a Zoom service on Advent Sunday.

It is hoped a visit can be arranged for the Pre-school children in December. There is a baptism arranged for 20/12.

After a discussion the PCC unanimously agreed that Holy Cross prefer ;

- 4pm Christmas Words and Music Service on Sunday 20th December
- 0845 Christmas Day Communion for those who cannot travel to Cricklade to hear Bishop Lee at 10am.

- The PCC feels it will be too challenging to hold Christingle and Nativity services

1712 Church of England theme for December is 'Comfort and Joy'. A booklet has been produced. They cost £1 each it was proposed and agreed we purchase 50 and sell some of them for £2 this will cover the cost of those we would want to give out for free . **Rev Shirley to action ?**

1713 The Vacancy

The final version of the profile has been finalized The Diocese recommends advertising immediately in the Church Times. The PCC feels an ad January would be the preferred option. Unofficially a couple of people have expressed an interest in the post.

Proposed by YE Seconded by LT that AB assisted by JB are on the interview panel. JB and AB to discuss and advise us. AB and JB have discussed and AB will be on the interview panel and JB to provide support.

1714 The Lighting Project

AB met with called Church Lighting Systems AB very impressed. They could carry out the work in April/May ready for the winter of 2021. The work would take about 4 weeks to complete.

1715 PL has very kindly asked for donations to this project in Graham's memory.

1716 JH is applying to the Historic Churches Trust he is also following up with Andrew Sims any other grant opportunities.

1717 Eco Church

AB is in discussion with the flower ladies about desisting from using oasis (which does not compost). Use of oasis to be discouraged for wreaths for weddings and funerals and any other church users. Could Jane Templeton convey this when people arrange funerals and weddings ?

1718 Compost Bins. It is suggested we acquire one from Wiltshire Council and place by gate.

Proposer: YE Seconder: JH

1719 Bell Ropes Repairs have been carried out at a cost of £110 – the Bellringers will cover this from their funds.

1720 Pulpit Border has been repaired.

1721 Gate – Paul Beadle will replace gate post and rehang gate. It was decided that the stone walls that had fallen would be rebuilt in the spring .

1722 Any other Business

We have received a request from the Uganda Clergy to help them out in these difficult times.

PT Proposed we send £100 Seconded by AB.

Date of the Next Meeting:

Monday 7th December at 8pm

The meeting closed at 9.25 with a prayer

