

Minutes of St Sampson's PCC meeting on Zoom, held 3rd March 2021, 8pm

Present: M Smith (chair), A Grace, R Crow, S Danby, I Wallis, N Massey, J Valpy (minutes)

Apologies: J Wheeler

1. MS welcomed everyone with a reading from Romans 5 and a prayer

2. Apologies were accepted from JW.

3. Minutes from 13th January 2021 were accepted by all, to be formally approved on email.

Matters arising:

- JV to contact Kingsdown wood carving group to see if anyone would be able to carve nativity figures. The artist who made Ashton Keynes figures has moved away and retired.

Action – JV

- RC and Gloria Light are compiling photos of church to provide a record. **Action - RC**
- JV to discuss ways to create a pastoral care list and ongoing record of regular contact with Sarah Smith/Jane Templeton. **Action - JV**
- Each church in UTG has a poster on display raising awareness of Domestic Abuse. SD is named contact and Avril Fray, Safeguarding Officer. This all comes under umbrella of Safeguarding and SD/AF will consider next steps together. **Action - SD**
- JV spoke with Reanne Masters about Together we are Stronger. The group has provided support and social activities in different ways over the years, but has run its course for the time being. Other ideas about how to support people are in the pipeline.

4. Items proposed and approved solely by email since last meeting are as follows:

- that St Sampson's pledges the revised figure of £7,700 for the NWMA youth worker project
- that Jo Valpy is nominated as substitute Foundation Governor at St Sampson's school in the absence of an incumbent

5. Vacancy update

One candidate was interviewed recently and there should be some news in the next few weeks.

6. Finance

Current balances:

Main account: £ 12,283

Restricted: £ 69,405 broken down as follows:

Organ fund:	£ 3,456
Fabric:	£ 3,789
Roof:	£ 57,592
Children's Educational charity:	£ 4,250
Funeral Donation:	£ 318

Our current main account balance is better than anticipated, mainly because we haven't needed to purchase so much oil during church closures. AG proposed that we pay a further £5,000 to the Diocese for our outstanding £9,000 Parish Share for 2020, NM seconded, to be formally approved on email. We have £5,000 reserves for emergencies and all other payments for this month have

been made. AG to circulate how we are doing against 2021 budget after Feb bank statements are through.

7. Fabric/Building/Roof project

The recent appeal for church roof funds has been very fruitful and people have been generous. Money has been donated and loans totalling £45,000 have been promised. It is hoped that grants will cover costs and loans will not be needed. AG proposed and MS seconded that the nave roof repairs go ahead. All agreed, to be formally approved on email. AG will inform the contractors. When works are in progress, the chancel door will be open to access Lady Chapel for private prayer. **Action - AG**

The Cultural Recover Funding didn't suit our needs in the end. A new document trolley has been bought and is in the clergy vestry.

CIA will install 3 new CCTV cameras (one inside, two outside) to improve our security and will adjust existing cameras to show roof and scaffolding, offering further protection during building works. AG proposed, RC seconded, all accepted, to be formally approved by email.

8. Youth and Children

Dynamo meeting next week, pledges from all churches are being reviewed. MS will circulate update afterwards. PCC also noted the planned re-start of a community youth club at the Youth Centre behind the Leisure Centre. This is planned for later in the year, increased hours and was announced in February's Chronicle. It will be run by the Rise Trust and local volunteers. MS to pass this info to Dynamo group for possible follow-up/contact in the future. Could be good to liaise once NW Youth Enabler is in post. **Action - MS**

9. Safeguarding

JV proposed and NM seconded that the following church activities be identified on the St Sampson's Safeguarding Dashboard:

S Club, Informal Worship Socials, Church Choir, Bell Ringers, Open the Book, Pastoral Visiting and Support, Heberden House Communion, Home Communions, Big Questions for Seniors.

JV to inform Avril Fray (SO) so that Dashboard can be updated. **Action - JV**

As a PCC we have nearly completed the required levels of Safeguarding Training. AG noted that the C2 level training draws attention to safeguarding when meeting one to one (eg. pastoral support). If this takes place in church then it could be picked up on CCTV, no sound just images.

The Recruitment of Ex Offenders Policy has been updated and is with the Transition Team before coming to PCCs.

Safeguarding is an increasingly important agenda item and action plan/relevant topics should be included at every meeting. JV to ask AF for action plan. **Action - JV**

10. Churches Together – carried forward

11. Jenner Hall – closed until the spring

12. Deanery Synod

Next meeting is 24th March with new Area Dean, Steve Wilkinson. Theme is Transforming Churches.

13. Correspondence

None

14. AOB

Good Friday, final hour quiet reflective service, 2-3pm.

Easter Day, all age communion, 10.30am, most likely outside.

Possible 8am communion – SD to discuss with Anthony Fletcher. **Action - SD**

18. Next meeting – **Tuesday March 23rd Transforming Churches with Area Dean, 7.30pm**

Future PCCs 19th May

7th July

15th September

10th November

Proposed APCM Sunday 16th May, plus brief PCC afterwards