



Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting

Monday November 22nd 2021 - 7pm at Rothley Parish Church

Present:

Revd. Rob Gladstone (chair), David Wilson, Sue Wilson, Wendy Ferguson, Ray Prince, Margaret Leverment, David Hodgson, Fred Sleath, Margaret Rouse, Alison Parkinson, Jonty Pilbeam, Chris Garnett, Linda Poole, Alison Godfrey, Wendy Lewis, Liz Barker, Jenny Pilbeam, Susan Pinkus (secretary)

1. Opening Prayers/Reading

Rob read from 1 Corinthians reminding us to focus on Jesus Christ in all our dealings.

2. Declarations of Interest: None

Apologies: None

Accuracy/Approval of minutes from September 20th 2021: Agreed as an accurate record.

Matters arising: None. All actions completed.

3. Finance

Sue Wilson reported to the PCC.

The draft budget 2022 has not been altered since our last meeting and the PCC agreed to commit to a deficit budget of £9,200.

Sue intends to address the congregation regarding our current financial situation and it was agreed to do this as soon as convenient in 2022.

Sue had also distributed the list of narrative reports to be included in the Annual Report 2021 and this was agreed.

4. Safeguarding

Wendy Ferguson reported that the Child and Vulnerable Adults safeguarding requirements have not changed, but our parish policies need to be reviewed each year. She also reminded us that the training requirements have changed but there is still a legal requirement for all members of the PCC to complete their safeguarding training.

Action: RG and Churchwardens to sign off our documents to be sent to the Diocese.
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Wendy is now in possession of a list of names of people acting as leaders of groups of children, young people and vulnerable adults.

5. Operations (including Health and Safety)

Ray is in regular contact with builders and architect over current projects. We are still waiting for the Council to deal with the final tree.

The PCC were asked what they would like to happen to the piece of the church wall that was bored out in order to fit the new gas pipe. It will be kept as a historic piece.

Ken Arkley and Fred Sleath will assist with the boiler house removal project.

Re falling masonry from the lower part of the tower, warning notices have been displayed.

6. Send

Margaret Leverment reminded the PCC that an update on one of the societies we support is provided in the Fellowship Post every week.

7. Communications

Sue Wilson reported that the action from the last meeting is in hand.

8. Shaped by God Together

David Wilson read out a transcript of the video recently posted on Diomail explaining what is happening to date and this is attached with these minutes.

David explained that in early 2022 some parishes will be chosen to be pilots for the new Minster Communities framework.

David emphasised that flexibility was still key and that we will be able to have a say in shaping the outcomes.

The PCC then split into small groups for discussion and questions.

9. Service Pattern from January 2022

The PCC split into the same small groups to discuss and prepare feedback to help inform decisions on this.

Rob Gladstone then presented a working template of a proposed pattern which was agreed, subject to issues raised by the groups.

<p>Action: Rob to produce an outline of the new service pattern in the light of these discussions and feedback. This will be reviewed at the May PCC meeting.</p>
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10. Vicar's Report

The report was sent out prior to meeting.

Rob provided more information on the revised CPAS 6-session course 'PCC Tonight', which he suggested might be useful for us to follow in 2022. He suggested we could possibly cover the course at 3 PCC meetings and a special half-day session.

11. Review of meeting and closing prayers

Members thought we had covered some very important ground this evening and welcomed the splitting into smaller groups for discussion on the main topics.

It was pointed out, however, that the venue in church is not ideal. It is not always easy to hear what is being said and it did become very chilly towards the end of the meeting.

Could Business Committee please look at alternative venues at their next meeting?

The meeting closed at 21.05.

NEXT MEETINGS:

PCC MEETING MONDAY 24th January - venue and time to be confirmed.

Please note, reports for the PCC meeting must be sent to Susan Pinkus by **SUNDAY 9th January** in order to assist the Business Committee in preparing the PCC agenda on January 12th.

BUSINESS COMMITTEE WEDNESDAY 12th January 7pm: 56 Grangefields Drive.

Thank you.

SusanPinkus December 3rd 2021