

St Peter's Church PCC meeting
25th June 2024. 7:00pm – 8:30pm
Minutes

Present:

Ian Birt,	Bella Blake,	Tim Robinson,	Helen Camm,
Charles Stones,	Chris Clayton (Chair),	Jan Edwards,	Alan Garrow,
Sian Lockwood,	John Longstaff,	Catherine Medforth,	Karin Shaw,
Mike Davies,	Paul Harris,	Leigh Thompson,	

Apologies:

Ruth Thompson-Vear, Hannah Beck, David Hipkin,

1. Welcome and opening prayer

Chris Clayton welcomed everyone and led the LYCiG prayer.
All members introduced themselves to each other outlining which services we attend and a little bit about ourselves.

2. Bible reflection

Sian led a reflection on readings from 1Corinthians 12:12-26

3. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received and were noted.

4. Appointments of officers and of the standing committee

David Hipkin (reappointed)	Treasurer
Leigh Thompson	Secretary
Sian Lockwood and Mike Davies	Vice Chairs
Carole Raw	Electoral Officer
Charles Stones	Environmental Officer
John Longstaff	PCC Representative on the SC

5. Acceptance of the minutes of March's meeting

The minutes of the PCC meeting held on 19th March 2024 were unanimously approved.

6. Matters arising:

- Inclusive church,
- the smell. To be discussed at this meeting.
- the awayday is not going to happen this year

7. Finances

David apologies for not being able to attend this month's meeting He doesn't have much new finance information for the PCC but thought the following may be helpful:

1. Our results v budget for January to March show we are tracking very closely to the budget, not in itself that good but at least no surprises. Income was up by approx. £4k and costs were slightly below.
2. We have now received the expected £50k donation that was in the budget for Q2 so hopefully AT close off Q2 we will also be tracking budget.
3. We are expecting a cheque for £16.5k which is the final settlement of the legacy from the late Mr Dyson. This is additional income above budget expectations.
4. The feedback so far from the stewardship campaign does not lead David to believe the increased planned giving will be a significant turnaround in our situation although of course every gift is extremely valuable and welcome. He does expect there will be changes in giving that just arrive in the bank account over time. The message at the end of the stewardship month should reinforce the fact that it is REALLY helpful if he can be informed of changes.
5. If we know more money is coming, we can make better decisions.
6. The accounts are signed off by Holeys and I will send the Diocese a copy before the June 30th deadline.

David will get Q2 figures ready as soon as he can

8. Fabric

The smell is becoming a big issue and is currently being looked at.

The PCC feel that the roof repair is the priority, and then the doors. It was agreed to instruct repairs to the roof depending on cost. It was also agreed that we go ahead and look at costing for triple glazing on the windows, draft proof the doors and Solar panels. We also need to look for grants to assist in this.

Making improvements to St. Mary's Chapel has been agreed by the PCC, and agreed the Plans shown in a Drawing. The work is paid for by a donation from Pat Swallow as a parting gift.

It was agreed to endorse the application to discuss with Hill Top AV to improve the sound quality in the church, we should look at replacing the old flat speakers.

The Last Supper picture had been passed by the PCC the go up on the wall above the bookcase, we're waiting of approval the faculty.

9. Tom Crooks Architect Report

This has been distributed to the PCC members

10. Inclusive Church

Mike outlined what progress has been made to make St Peters an all-inclusive Church

At the PCC meeting in March 2024 there was a discussion regarding the possibility of St Peter's joining "Inclusive Church" (<https://www.inclusive-church.org>). This is an organisation, founded in 2003, that exists to encourage and facilitate churches becoming more inclusive. Ripon Cathedral is one of the closest churches to St Peter's that is currently a member. Inclusive Church works towards greater inclusion across a wide spectrum of affected individuals and groups including disability, ethnicity, gender, mental health, poverty and sexuality.

Alan mentioned that we need to bring this in sensitively and a lot of preparation is needed before we implement.

It was unanimously agreed that we should move forward with this. Mike will report back on progress and what the next steps to be taken.

11. Eco Church update

Charles is aiming to go from Bronze to Silver eco award this year.

The Eco team is continuing to look at making changes to improve our ecological goals. These will fall into Short-term efficiency measures and Medium-Term measures that will require grant applications. Charles is going to investigate this further.

It was also mentioned by Alan that if there are any costs involved these will be reviewed by the appropriate groups following normal spending procedures.

Summer heating saving by turning off for 4 months can't be done as the boiler needs regular water circulation.

Looking at different ways to recycle, batteries and rags was mentioned. we would need to ensure safe storage of batteries.

It was suggested that if we centralise procurement of our energy to make a stronger bargaining power.

The question was asked, why do people who can see the weekly news online why do they still pick up a hard copy? It was suggested that maybe we could send it out by email to save on paper and printing costs.

12. Alans Sabbatical

Alan will be out of the office and uncontactable from 12th July until 14th October. If there is anything urgent then please pass to Chris.

13. Safeguarding

There were no new incidents

14. Acceptance of minutes for the standing committee

15. AOB

There was no other business.

16. Review of meeting

There was a brief review of the meeting

The meeting concluded with The Grace at 8.30 pm.

The next meeting

Tuesday 24th September 2024

in church.