

Treasurer

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Minutes of the full PCC meeting held on Monday 20th November 2023 at 7pm in the Church Centre

In Attendance:

Mike Smith
Derek Harbottle
Lizbeth Harbottle
Pat Hartwell
Claire Otter
Linda Vogwell
Tom Poulton
John Mayne
Liz Ashenden
Liz Hopkins

1 - *The meeting opened with prayer***2 - Apologies**

Ally Morgan
David Hopkins
Louisa Messenger

3 - Approval of minutes from PCC Monday 18th September 2023

ACTION - Lisa to amend a couple of points. Once amended the minutes will be an accurate interpretation of the meeting.

Proposed by Pat Hartwell

Seconded by John Mayne

4 - Actions/Matters arising from PCC Minutes

- Church Tower Security - The Church Tower is now secure. Many thanks to Tony Wood for sorting this out.

- Community Garden - Community Working Party volunteers - Brockworth Parish council are going ahead with a planned proposal for the community garden. We still need volunteers. It

would be good to have a voice at this working party. The working party will have an influence and make decisions on the garden and if we don't have people on this committee we won't have a say. Initially the party will meet frequently but then this will quieten down. Mike will be on the working party, but we do need more than one voice if we have a vision and want to be included in decisions made.

ACTION: Mike requested if over the next week we could ask people we know if this is something they would like to be included in. Claire Otter volunteered to join Mike and ideally we need one other person.

- 100 Club - Liz Ashenden has put together an advert about this club. This advert is to be passed/discussed with Karen. The following questions were raised. Will the 100 club continue in the New Year? How much work does it entail? If it is too much work then do we stop it?

ACTION - Liz and Ally to get together in the New Year and discuss the work involved in running the club and bring something to the PCC in March.

- Christmas Fair update - Mike spoke on behalf of Ally. Organisation for the fair is going well. Ally has generated a large amount of interest and there are some great prizes for the raffle. Help is needed on the day (any time you can give would be appreciated).

Next year we may start looking at organising the fair at the beginning of summer and advertise the event early. **ACTION** - In January the PCC to do a recap of how the fair went and what if anything could be improved. Derek asked if we were able to advertise the Christmas services at the fair. All the information will be on the website.

- Tree Fest Update - 26 confirmed trees already. Flood lights are being installed and we have a team of helpers. All volunteers are in place for the switch on event and to help with refreshments. The trees will be kept up for longer this year. We do need volunteers to come and clean up the church after. Everything is going really well and in place. It will be our 10th year of tree fest. All electrics are sorted out and there is a one switch turn on. Thanks to all the flower ladies and thanks to Linda for doing an excellent job.

5 – Finance

- Update from Derek

Derek took us through the accounts and provided us with a summary and the current position of the 2023 General Fund and a Summary of Funds as at 31st December 2023. He detailed that we are not far away from breaking even. He explained that our electric usage has been estimated and that we haven't received a gas bill for about 6 months and that we haven't received any bills for the materials used in decorating the lobby etc.

Discussion was had around the Parish Share. Should we try and pay it (we committed to this in November 2022).

Proposed to pay Derek Harbottle

Seconded by Liz Hopkins

A vote was taken and all were in favour.

Prayer of thanks for all contributions and time taken up

Parish Share 2024 - In summary there is a flat 7% up lift for everybody. St Georges suggested parish share is £59,080. We've been asked to commit to this by 30th November. General thoughts were that we should aim for this and we may need to look at other revenue streams.

Proposed 7% by Pat Hartwell

Seconded by Liz Ashdenen

A vote was taken and all were in favour.

6 - Buildings & Infrastructure

- LED Lighting quote - Mike has chased
- Hall Hire & Promotion - ongoing - flyer/info sheet being handed out at Christmas fair and Tree Fest
- Porch Leak - leaking again. We need the leak looking at again and it appears to be in the same spot - **ACTION** - Liz Ashenden to contact Haydn Price, Noake Court, Churchdown Lane, Hucclecote, Gloucester GL3 2LS. | 07810 875800 | haydnprice6@gmail.com
- Gents toilets are leaking and will be fixed.
- Striplight in the hall needs attention.

7 - Safeguarding - notes on safeguarding are to follow but everything is up to date. Mike has completed his leadership safeguarding training.

8 - Deanery Synod Report - Please see attached the Deanery Synod report for PCC Nov 2023 kindly provided by Liz Ashenden. Liz has asked if anyone else would like to join the Deanery Synod.

9 - AOB

Church Security for January Agenda.

Date of Next Meeting:

PCC meeting 22nd January 2024 @ 7pm Church Centre

SC 11th December 2023 @ 7pm Church Centre