

Treasurer

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Minutes of the full PCC meeting held on Monday 18th September 2023 at 7pm in the Church Centre

In Attendance:

Mike Smith

Derek Harbottle

Lizbeth Harbottle

Pat Hartwell

Ally Morgan

Claire Otter

and welcome back to Linda Vogwell - lovely to see you

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

John Mayne

Liz Ashenden

Richard Ashenden

Louisa Messenger

Tom Poulton

Dave Hopkins

Liz Hopkins

3 - Approval of minutes from PCC Monday 19th June 2023

The minutes were an accurate interpretation of the meeting.

Proposed by Pat Hartwell

Seconded by Lizbeth Harbottle

4 - Actions/Matters arising from PCC Minutes

● Church Tower Security - This is still ongoing, we had the lock fixed then it was broken into again. It needs further work which is all in hand by Tony Wood.

● Community Garden - Tom and Mike met during the summer and cleared some of the garden. Tom will set up a tidy up date to carry on with this. We are looking to put up a fence and level the ground.

Mike has contacted the Glebe and Endowment committee declaring what actions are going to be taken. This email will be forwarded to members of the PCC for information.

ACTION - Lisa to send a copy of the email to the PCC.

- Jungle Working Party – **ACTION** Tom Poulton will be organising another date to tidy the garden.
- 100 Club – Ally Morgan & Liz Ashenden - Ally mentioned the 100 Club and we had discussions around increasing the prize to say £10, £15 and £20 and also growing the numbers above 100. Could we use the 100 club to promote the church and make announcements when certain targets have been achieved for example audio system, bell upkeep and church restoration.
- Tim O’Leary is a placement student with us going through his ordination training and will be with us for 25 hours over the next 2 months.
- £10 Talent Service takes place at 10.30am on the 8th October. It’s a chance to get together and celebrate our talent. Mike along with Leigh Mayne are washing cars on the 7th October from 2pm - 4pm and you pay what you think it's worth!

5 – Enover Application

We are in the middle of getting funding for the new kitchen which will include hot water, cooker, fridge freezer. It needs to be a certain standard of kitchen as it’s a public area.

- Grant Application to Enover to install a new safe functioning kitchen.

[PCC £786, Gloucester Diocese £2,000, & Enover £25,864.00)

Proposal: The PCC recognises the essential need to have a functioning and safe kitchen to reach out to all members of our local community to welcome and serve food. We want to provide an inclusive environment to offer families, the elderly and vulnerable a space to talk, eat, and have fun. In the process of applying for funding it will cost us £786. Enover need to see certain documentation and we need a minute on our PCC minutes. Enover will oversee the work. Derek said we could use £100 of the general fund.

Proposed: Pat Harwell

Seconded: Linda Vogwell

6 - Christmas Fair & Tree Fest

The Christmas Fair and Tree Fest needs someone to volunteer to be lead organiser. Linda Vogwell is more than happy to continue organising the Tree Fest (thank you Linda) and will start organising at the end of Oct.

An email will be sent out to all PCC members asking for volunteers. If we don’t receive take up on this then Mike has a solution. Because it's such an important event we could make it a paid role where this person would make sure the fair goes ahead by pulling everything together and coordinating. We want to get as many people as possible through the door for the Christmas Fair and Tree Fest. The paying role would be for 1 to 2 hours a week leading up to the fair and then 6 hours on the day. We would look to pay a figure of £300 for the role.

7 – Finance - Update from Derek

Derek circulated some figures for the general fund. There were no queries/questions made by the PCC. Derek advised we need to raise £9k to level the books and our income increased as the hall was used for ballet exams and the same may happen this year. We’ve had a few donations using the card giving scheme.

The Parish Share 2% increase to be discussed in our November meeting.

Insurance renewal - there are no changes to the cover and Derek suggested we pay the renewal of £2,800.

Lloyds bank signatories - not updated yet.

Mike thanked Derek for all his time and the excellent work he does for the PCC.

Ally asked if anyone checks the online noticeboards/social media as people do ask for suggestions about places to hold parties, room for a bouncy castle etc and that would be a good opportunity to mention the hall.

ACTION - Mike to ask Karen if she knows once the parties have been held in the hall do we get recommended on social media.

8 – Buildings & Infrastructure.

- A huge thank you to Mike Owens, John Mayne, John Boulton & Phil Blake for the wonderful work in the Church Centre Hall. The rest of the hall now needs to be finished but timings will need to be looked at so not to lose any bookings.
- LED Lighting Quote - this is still ongoing and we are now looking for a quote to convert the curtains to blinds.
- Audio Equipment in Church – this is still ongoing but could come under church restoration.
- Hall Hire & Promotion - this is still ongoing. Once decoration of the hall is completed we will be in a better position to promote it for functions as mentioned in previous meetings. We are also looking to put one large noticeboard up in the hallway.

ACTION - Derek to speak to Mike Owens re payment for the work done so far.

9 - **Safeguarding** - Thank you to everyone for your time.

10 - **Deanery Synod Report** - Copy of minutes given to PCC by Liz Ashenden. The next meeting is Thursday 16 November.

11 - **AOB** - To respect the time and energy of all PCC members and their families apart from Safeguarding issues, which there were none, no other business was mentioned.

Date of Next Meeting: PCC meeting 20th Nov @ 7pm Church Centre
SC 16th Oct @ 7pm Church Centre

Closing in Prayer