

Minutes of a Meeting of All Saints' Chilton PCC
Held on Tuesday 7 September 2021 at 7.30pm remotely via Zoom conference facility

Present (from All Saints' Chilton):

Jonathan Mobey (Chair for items 1 to 3)
Hazel Benton (Chair)
Phil Corbishley
Stuart Gibson
Jan Radford
Alex Reich
Pam Rolls
Yvonne Sanderson
John Pigott
Judith Russell
Carol Pigott (Secretary)

St Matthew's, Harwell and All Saints', Chilton PCCs were present together until 7.45 pm, for Items 1-3. For the other items, only All Saints' PCC members were present.

Joint items with St Matthew's PCC

1. Opening & Prayer

Jonathan Mobey read from Acts 13 v44 – Acts 14 v7. Jonathan made some remarks about how this relates to the PCCs. Jonathan noted that the Holy Spirit is empowering everything that the apostles are doing, and we too should pray that we are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Jonathan Mobey invited PCC members to pray.

a. Harvest celebration arrangements

Jonathan Mobey relayed that our churches would be marking Harvest at services on Sunday 26 September. Jonathan said that there would be the usual collection of donated food items, the churches would have seasonal decorations and an invitation would be issued to the wider community. Jonathan confirmed that our mission partners, the Sharlands, would be visiting that day.

Jonathan Mobey and Yvonne Sanderson said that they would inform the St Matthew's and All Saints' flower arrangers respectively of the date. Jonathan confirmed that various suitable media would be used to publicise the Harvest services.

Jonathan Mobey invited comments and any further suggestions for marking Harvest this year.

Yvonne Sanderson suggested a Benefice-wide bring and share lunch on 26 September. This idea was agreed in principle by members of the PCCs. Decisions about the detail were delegated to the Senior Leadership Team.

b. PCC meetings pattern for 2022

Paper A refers. Jonathan Mobey asked PCC members to send any further comments to him or one of the PCC Secretaries for consideration prior to the preparation of a specific proposal for the October Combined PCC meeting.

All Saints' PCC

The following Agenda items were taken out of order, to enable the Rector to be present for the discussion.

4. Matters Arising (ii) Boundary Wall Status (paper C)

At the June PCC, the proposal had been passed:

That the Rector speak with the three house owners initially, to gather as much information as possible, and then approach the Registry, with a view to drawing up an agreement with the three owners.

Subsequently, Andrew Hayes had suggested that the Rector should email Darren Oliver, at the Diocesan Registry, before meeting with the owners; and had offered a possible wording for this email.

PCC were unanimous in agreeing this should be done, and that the Rector be guided by Andrew's wording. **Action: Rector**

Pam commented that we might decide to look for our own solicitors for any legal work that might ensue.

5. Committee Reports (ii) Fabric

In his Paper "Fabric Snapshot", Andrew had asked PCC to decide on the situation regarding underfloor heating. Installation of this had been investigated, but the possibility put "on hold" for some time.

PCC were in agreement that there was little possibility of this happening for some length of time, if at all, and asked that the Fabric Committee be informed that they could continue with existing projects on the understanding that underfloor heating would not be installed in the near future.

Action: CMP.

Matters arising (i) Church Access...Ramp

With Covid-19 restrictions eased, and church services returning, PCC were unanimous in agreeing the trial of an access ramp could go ahead. Assuming further restrictions were not in force, and church services were well-populated, early November would be a suitable time to do this. Judith would let Andrew know.

Action: JR

(Before leaving to join St Matthew's meeting, the Rector asked if there were any Finance matters he should be aware of. Pam asked if there was any progress on acquiring card-readers for church use. Jonathan was chasing options. We should need separate card-readers for each church, linked to our own bank accounts.) **Action: Rector**

Jonathan left the meeting at 8.08 pm , and the meeting continued.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies from: Pat Moseley, Jan Radford.

3. Minutes from previous meeting on 1st June 2021 (Paper B)

Unanimously approved and accepted as a true record that may be signed by the Rector.

4 .Matters Arising

(iii) Chair of Fabric Committee

Hazel said that the Fabric Committee are doing sterling work, and Andrew seems to be carrying on, but we do need to find his replacement.

This could be someone organised and methodical, not necessarily an expert in building matters, nor physically strong, but someone able to oversee projects well.

Pam reminded PCC that she and Jan had flagged up the discernment and use of gifts at the 9.30 service in All Saints' on the previous Sunday, 5th September. She suggested this could be followed up in the Rector's email to church members, with a job description. There were also needs at St Matthew's that she was aware of, and these could also be included in the email.

Action: Rector and PCC.

(ii) PCC Secretary

Carol reminded PCC that she had been asked to serve as secretary until August 2021. She needed to let them know that November would be her final PCC meeting.

(This vacancy could also go in the Rector's email, and broadsheet)

Action: Rector and PCC.

5. Committee Reports

(i) Finance

Stuart said the good news was that income was as wanted.

There would be further expenditure for Holiday Club, Charities and Missions, and some joint expenses.

The Quinquennial Inspection would incur large fees.

Churchyard maintenance and repairs had been lower than expected, but church fabric expenses had been high. These included the Noticeboard, Sound Desk, lectern mic, and gutter clearing

There had been some unrestricted donations received. Donations coming via the website incurred handling fees. Stuart preferred the use of the Parish Giving Scheme (used by regular donors, with the additional benefit of Gift Aid) or directly via BACS, for one-off/occasional giving. The church bank details are on the website.

The Chilton Mutual Aid Group has been disbanded, and their funds (which Stuart had been handling) had been distributed to 4 local groups.

Hazel thanked Stuart for his work, on behalf of PCC.

(ii) Fabric

Hazel noted that Andrew was aiming to contact Tony Day of Harwell (AMD Building and Carpentry) with a view to completing some maintenance tasks.

6. Health and Safety Review

H&S Officer is another role to be advertised in the broadsheet/email . **Action: Rector and PCC.**

Judith and John would be liaising on the other Maintenance Topics. **Action: JR and JP**

7. Future Dates

Notices had gone up with dates of Church Services in September, including **Harvest on 26th September.**

The Poppy Appeal will launch on **28th October.**

(Hazel has organised the wreath.)

Remembrance Sunday will be **Sunday 14th November**

Judith suggested this could be a service in the churchyard, as last year.

(On Remembrance Day, **Thursday 11th November**, there is scheduled to be a service of Holy Communion at 11.00 am at All Saints'.)

Carol passed on the information that the APCMs would probably be in May in 2022, rather than April, now the deadline had been extended.

Also, a "bring your own" picnic was planned to follow the Interactive Service on **12th September, at Chilton.**

8. Any other business

Yvonne remarked that the service on Sunday 5th September, celebrating the return to "normal" services in church, had been lovely. Pam and Jan had done an excellent job. There had been about 30 present at All Saints', and the same at St Matthew's 11.30 service.

Hazel thanked all present for their contribution to the meeting.

9. Meeting closed with a prayer from Pam Rolls at 8.45 pm.

Next meeting:

Combined PCC, 7.30 pm on 5th October, via Zoom

All Saints' PCC meeting 7.30pm, 2nd November 2020 via Zoom or in person

..... **Chairman**

Signed