

MINUTES OF THE ALL SAINTS' PCC MEETING

held at St Matthew's, Harwell on Tuesday 2nd July 2024 at 7.30 pm.

St Matthew's, Harwell and All Saints', Chilton PCCs were present together for Items 1-5. For the other items, only All Saints' members were present.

1. Opening and Prayer

The Rector, Revd Jeremy Parsons welcomed the PCCs to the meeting and opened the meeting in prayer.

2. ECHO Update

Jeremy said that ECHO was experiencing a period of change. There will be a trustees' meeting in two weeks when the finances, organisation, and future will be discussed. The events are well attended and the work is thriving, but the charity needs to work on structure and relationships. St Matthew's role in this will then hopefully become clearer.

Tony Hughes asked about the Benefice representation among the trustees. The representation from partner churches was set out in Echo's constitution and under this we should have one ex officio and one nominee, but at present there was only Jeremy. Jeremy said he was unclear about the role of a partner church and this needed clarification. However, at present no church had more than one representative and ours was for the whole Benefice. In the future, there might be an opportunity for a lay representative and anyone interested in this should contact him.

3. Children and Families Worker update

The original plan of a shared worker with ECHO may now not be possible. While this is clarified, Jeremy is anxious to make sure that our Children and Families work progresses particularly contact with schools. He is looking to get help from two qualified part time teachers and will be discussing this with Standing Committees and Treasurers once his plans are firmer.

4. Update on Committee structure and Decision making consultation

Jeremy said the next step was for Geoff Maughan to attend one or two meetings where there were significant items to discuss. When asked when this might be, he said that this would be after the summer holidays.

5. Any other business

Jeremy was asked whether he still intended to review the pattern and timing of services. He replied that he wanted to do this shortly, but it should start with each PCC deciding what pattern of services it would like to suggest. However, he would like it to be the exception rather than the norm for a minister and preacher to take services at both churches on the same day. He suggested this should be further discussed at the next PCC meeting.

All Saints' PCC only

Present:

Rev Pam Rolls

Alex Reich (Churchwarden)

Stuart Gibson (Treasurer)

Pat Moseley

Hazel Benton (Vice Chair)

Naomi Gibson (Secretary)

Debra Dewhurst

Liz Morris

Rev Jeremy Parsons was present for item 11 (AOB), this item was taken at the start of the meeting.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Jan Radford, Judith Russell, Sasha Reeves and John Pigott.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 5th March 2024

The minutes of the meeting on 5th March 2024 were unanimously accepted as a true record and signed.

3. Decisions requested of Standing Committee between meetings -None

4. Matters Arising - None

5. Election of PCC Officers

**Vice-chair: Hazel Benton Treasurer: Stuart Gibson Secretary:
Naomi Gibson**

Proposed by Pam Rolls, seconded by Liz Morris and elected unanimously.

6. Election of Sub-Committees

Standing Committee: Rector, Churchwardens, Treasurer, Secretary, Pam Rolls and Jan Radford (Following discussion, the makeup of this committee was decided to remain as it currently stands until the consultation process has been completed)

Finance: Clergy, Churchwardens, Treasurer

Chair of Fabric: Judith Russell (Judith gave notice that she would not continue this role beyond June/July 2025, also she wishes to step down as Churchyard coordinator) **Other members of the Committee: John Pigott, Sasha Reeves**

Proposed by Hazel Benton, seconded by Pat Moseley and elected unanimously.

7. Election of PCC Representatives

Village Hall Management Committee: Pat Moseley Stewardship/Gift Aid Secretary: Stuart Gibson Electoral Roll Officer: Debra Dewhurst Carol Pigott Health and Safety Representative:

Approval of Sidesmen

Judith Russell	Alex Reich
Naomi Gibson	Liz Morris
Hazel Benton	Audrey Slater
Dave Kerr	Carol Pigott
John Pigott	Andrew Hayes

The above were proposed by Pam Rolls, seconded by Liz Morris and elected unanimously.

8. Appointment of people for tasks

This was circulated as Paper C.

Thanks to the willingness of the PCC members present, the vacancies were filled, and a new updated list will be circulated with the minutes. Carol Pigott also agreed to be the Book of Remembrance page turner.

The above were proposed by Debra Dewhurst, seconded by Stuart Gibson and elected unanimously.

9. Finance Reports

Stuart explained the highlights of the accounts for the first half of the year.

The joint expenses are not included for Q2 as they have not been presented by Harwell as yet.

The General Fund is currently in deficit by £800.

The Parish Share is being under paid by 25% to try and restore the deficit of £6,500 at the end of 2023.

A new PC and monitor has been purchased as part of the AV project and this will be reimbursed from the Church Hall Fund.

The income to date looks encouraging and above forecast, this includes a £5,000 unrestricted donation.

Electricity and water costs have increased considerably this year and the cost of the internet line. It

was suggested that Stuart do a finance presentation to the interactive service congregation later in the year.

Stuart reported that the new PC would be set up soon and that an electrician has been contacted to install the wiring for the new laser projectors. The internet router will be moved to the top of the organ for better reception.

The positioning of the projector and the seating in the south aisle needs to be decided. A monitor on a stand does not seem a viable option so projection onto the east wall will be explored. It was suggested that the pews are moved after a Sunday service to look at options.

10. Fabric Report

Judith Russell circulated the Fabric Report prior to the meeting (Paper D). The PCC were grateful for the comprehensive report and all the hard work that has been carried out by the team. There were no questions.

Energy Audit - Debra will follow up with John about the progress of the audit. She hopes to draw together a team of interested individuals to move this project forward.

11. Health and Safety- Debra in her new role will contact the Health and Safety representative in Harwell, Elaine Shrimpton, to find out what is involved and will also explore possible guidance from the Oxford Diocese. **Action:DD**

12. Seasonal & Services Review of Easter

Pam Rolls Reported that overall the services were well attended. The Easter Sunday flower cross was very memorable as was the Good Friday drama. The YF attended the Saturday vigil again this year. Thanks were expressed to the clergy who prepared for these services.

Debra asked if Advent doors would be happening this year. She is prepared to organise this for Chilton. The PCC will discuss other arrangements for Advent and Christmas at the October meeting.

14. Any Other Business (Discussed at the start of the meeting)

• **Social Events – Season of invitation**

Alex circulated a paper (paper G) to support this item.

After much discussion it was agreed to continue the Season of Invitation events by encouraging people to attend and invite people (particularly newcomers to the village) to the Interactive service on **Sunday 8th September** in the village hall, and to follow this with a bring and share lunch. It was suggested that the 9.30am service be moved in the day to possibly the evening or 8am. Jeremy will consider this. The suggested theme was "Celebration". Alex will organise invitations/flyers to advertise this event and it also needs to be announced in July and August Interactive services to notify people.

It will run from 11am to 3pm. Debra kindly booked the village hall.

This was proposed by Alex and seconded by Debra and agreed unanimously.

- **Cream Teas in All Saints**

This also was suggested to encourage people to visit the church and also could be an opportunity to informally ask people what they want from the church and ask about service time preferences. A question template could be drawn up.

It was decided that Harvest weekend would be a good time to do this, **Sunday 22nd September**.

This would need to be advertised in the Chilton Chronicle by the last Wednesday in August, Stuart offered to organise bell tower tours. Scones and cakes etc would need to be coordinated. This was proposed by Alex and seconded by Hazel and agreed unanimously.

- **PCC Away Day**

It was agreed that following the cream tea afternoon and informal canvassing of opinions about what people would like from their village church that we would have a time to discuss the "**Future of All Saints**" Following debate it was agreed that this should be opened up to other members of our congregation so all ages were represented in the discussions.

It was suggested the venue be The Morris Room in Chilton Village Hall between 10am and 2pm on **Saturday 9th November**. Debra booked the hall between 9am and 3pm.

This was proposed by Pat and seconded by Liz and agreed unanimously.

Stuart suggested a facilitator was required to make the maximum use of the day.

Alex asked that the individual PCC be held in their own churches to avoid travel. This would mean that the joint section of the meeting would need to be online and Jeremy could not attend both meetings. Perhaps something to debate when the new dates are set for next year.

15. Future dates

Tuesday 3rd September – Combined PCC - online

Tuesday 1st October – Individual PCC at All Saints'

Hazel Benton thanked everyone for coming and the meeting closed in prayer led by Pam at 9.45pm.

Naomi Gibson PCC Secretary

Signed by

Date

