

# The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Marcham with Garford

## Minutes of the meeting held on 12 Feb 2020

### Present

Richard Zair (RZ)  
 Tamsin Gilbert (TG)  
 Mary Embleton (ME)  
 Chrystal Poon (CP)  
 Alicia Davies (AD)  
 Caroline Manders (CM)  
 Danni Grady (DG)  
 Charles Gaisford (CG)  
 Rosemary Siebert (RS)  
 Jill Rowe (JR)

Neil Rowe (NR)  
 Tim Jack (TJ)  
 Grace Burfitt (GB)  
 Viv Cripps (VC)  
 Michelle Herbert (MH)  
 Chris Nutman (CN)  
 Pamela Carter-Moore (PC)  
 Bryan Eccles (BE)  
 Kevin Mentzel (KM)

Item		Action
1 & 2	<p><b>Welcome, opening prayer and Bible reading</b></p> <p>RZ opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. RZ read Proverbs 3 v 5-8 and the meeting opened in prayer.</p> <p>RZ welcomed Pamela Carter-Moore and Bryan Eccles</p>	
3	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b>                      Cathie Little (CL) Ruth Atkins (RA) Malcolm Denton (MD)</p>	
4	<p><b>Conflicts of interest</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TG for agenda item 8</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Minutes of meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2020</b></p> <p>The minutes were approved as a correct recording of the meeting.</p>	
6	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>RZ thanked all those who contributed to making the funeral of Chris Ricketts go smoothly. No other matters required immediate attention.</p>	
7	<p><b>Finances (BE)</b></p> <p>Bryan Eccles introduced himself and said that he was happy to take over the treasurer role from Cathie at the APCM. He is already working alongside her to understand the accounts and software. Cathie will continue to do bookkeeping to start with.</p> <p>The Christmas Charity donations came to £1602.40 with Gift Aid and it was agreed to give £800 to each charity</p> <p>BE presented a draft balance sheet for the year and commented that the financial position of the church was healthy.</p>	

	CG asked that at some point in the near future we consider the 'austerity' measures we made a couple of years ago and whether they are still necessary.	
8	<p><b>Moving the parish office</b></p> <p>In the absence of any other viable option the room behind the organ seems the most suitable place for the new parish office. Tamsin will start making enquiries about creating a postal address, and planning the necessary changes. TG will present potential costs at the next PCC for approval.</p>	TG
9	<p><b>APCM documents</b></p> <p>Due to the change of date for this PCC, most documents are not yet ready. TG will send them out in March once they are available. PCC members will need to read and respond.</p>	
10	<p><b>Discussion on pastoral reorganisation following Richard's retirement</b></p> <p>RZ started by explaining the issue – we have been asked by the area dean to discuss whether we would like to remain in a benefice with St. Mary's Shippon, or look to become a single parish, employing a whole time vicar (and taking on an increase in parish share).</p> <p>The PCC were then encouraged to discuss their thoughts in pairs, after which any questions were answered and there was a round table discussion.</p> <p>The PCC were asked to vote on whether they were in favour of becoming a single parish and no longer being in a benefice with St. Mary's, Shippon. Of the 19 people present, 17 were in favour and 2 abstained (RZ &amp; RS).</p> <p>TJ asked that we tabled for future discussion the issue of whether we wanted to advertise for a whole or part time post if we are allowed to proceed as a single parish.</p> <p>RZ asked that everyone commit the issue to prayer</p>	
11	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p><u>Health and Safety</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>We appear to have something tripping church electrics – though this could be a result of the stonemasons. To monitor situation.</li> <li>MH – plug in tower still causing problems – CG suggested we may need new heaters that use less power?</li> </ul> <p><u>Safeguarding</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No issues to report.</li> </ul> <p><u>VE Celebration</u></p> <p>JR asked if we were going to do anything to mark VE day on the 8<sup>th</sup> May</p>	
18	<p><b>Closing Prayer</b></p> <p>The meeting closed with prayer</p>	

**The next meeting is on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March**

Future meetings

March 25; April 22; May 27; June 24; July 22; Sept. 23; Oct. 28; Nov. 25.