

The Parochial Church Council of the Parish of Marcham with Garford
Minutes of the Standing Committee meeting held on Wednesday 21 July 2020

Present

Bryan Eccles (BE)
 Mark Newman (MN)

Neil Rowe (NR)
 Ruth Atkins (RA)

Item		Action
1.	<p>Welcome and opening prayer</p> <p>NR opened the meeting in prayer. Apologies were noted from Tamsin Gilbert (TG)</p>	
2.	<p>Approval of minutes from last meeting</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2020 were approved as an accurate record with the following corrections:</p> <p>Item 6: should read - <i>It was agreed to hold off on outstanding invoices from F. Church Plumbers as the work had not been completed.</i></p> <p>Item 7 should read - <i>Everyone on the PCC was happy to approve the proposal from the area Dean that the Diocese proposes a 2 to 3 year appointment of a new vicar, with every intention to make it a permanent position.</i> Tim Jack asked for more clarity on the position in three years' time if the pastoral reorganisation does not happen</p> <p>Action: TG to check with area dean and get back to TJ</p>	
3.	<p>Matters arising</p> <p>Any matters arising would be covered during the meeting.</p>	
4.	<p>Covid-19 related issues</p> <p><u>Church opening</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CCTV cameras are recording people who are in the church building. • Rob Finch is reviewing the equipment requirements and lead time for purchasing the audio/filming equipment. • Morning services will not re-start until we can live stream them from day one of them starting. • Evening services will start in August with Covid-19 precautions in place. How the services are working will be reviewed. • The evening services will not be recorded. • TG or NR will be at each evening service. <p><u>Foodbank</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rachel Gaisford has discussed with NR about closing our foodbank activity membership with SOFEA in September. • NR added, Christchurch has emailed to ask if we can take on their clients. • MN suggested we support the foodbank in Abingdon. 	

	Action: NR to seek further information on the request from Christchurch, but to politely decline their request.	
5.	<p>Finance update</p> <p><u>Budget</u> BE reported there is no financial update for July, and August as other priorities had prevented completion of the monthly accounts. Action: In September BE will start to review the budget.</p> <p><u>Church insurance</u> Proposal was put forward to take the 3-year fixed deal with EIG. Action: BE recommended a discussion takes places with TG and Chris Nutman</p>	BE TG
6.	<p>Pastoral reorganisation</p> <p>All the parishes have voted in favour. There will now be a Deanery Standing Committee to ratify the proposal and then it will pass straight back to the Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee. They are not able to hold a Deanery Synod until lockdown restrictions have been lifted but are confident that this proposal will go through synod, as and when they can hold a meeting - which will be at the earliest opportunity.</p>	
7.	<p>Parish Profile</p> <p>This is on hold and will be re-visited in September. Discussion will also need to take place regarding section B – our official position on appointing a woman.</p> <p>It was agreed that the information on the Church website is key.</p>	
8.	<p>Village update</p> <p>NR reported that the new village building is completed but cannot open due to Covid-19. The MUGA is being used well.</p>	
9.	<p>Health & safety / safeguarding update</p> <p><i>Dear Wardens and PCC, Confidential - do not disclose. There have been no new safeguarding concerns since my last report. One family continues to receive support from the Parish and the Diocese, as well as statutory agencies. Tim Jack. Acting Safeguarding Officer, Parish of Marcham with Garford. July 2020.</i></p>	
10.	<p>AOB</p> <p>NR said co-ordination needs to take place about Bishop Colin retiring and it was suggested Rosemary Siebert could to do this.</p>	

<p>Action: NR to discuss with Rosemary.</p> <p><u>Electronic news stand</u> There was a discussion about the purchase of an electronic newsstand which could be used to display a rolling video about the life of the church and mission partners etc. The cost of this is £750.</p> <p>The discussion continued around the need for a review of mission partners that includes the PCC as a whole and includes thinking about funding etc.</p> <p>The following actions were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NR and MN to revisit the costs of the electronic news stand • PCC to be made aware of this (via these minutes). If any PCC members have any questions, please link with MN or NR • MN to check previous Mission Partners minutes about the decision to purchase the electronic news stand <p><u>Request to PCC Standing Committee to agree to dispatch £2,000 of funds to Moldova</u> NR and MN shared a request from the MML group (via Eric Dunford) to send £2,000 to Moldova in response to an urgent plea from Agape for rural communities in Moldova which are suffering cruelly due to the Coronavirus pandemic.</p> <p>The was £4,000 in the MML account and £2,000 went to Agape at the end of June, so with this request there would be no more funds. Eric Dunford is aware of this. The Standing Committee approved the payment but noted MML would need to fundraise or wait for monthly MML contributions to accumulate before there is any further finding available. £550 a month is made in donations to the MML account. The transfer of the money is due to take place on 22 July 2020.</p> <p><u>Key to church post box</u> MN requested a key to the post box, and it was provided by NR</p> <p>The meeting closed at 21:45.</p>	<p>NR</p> <p>NR/MN TG</p> <p>MN</p>
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The next meeting is on 23 September 2020.

Oct. 28; Nov. 25.