

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

## Minutes of the committee meeting held on

Wednesday 27 October 2021

### Present

Neil Rowe (NR) Ruth Atkins (RA) Tamsin Gilbert (TG) Caroline Manders (CM) Chrystal Poon (CP) Barney Stevens (BS) Bryan Eccles (BE) Rev'd Nick Weldon (NW) Danni Grady (DG)	Pamela Carter Moore (PCM) Chris Nutman (CN) Carolyn Whiting (CW) John Boardman (JB) Alison Lyndon (AL) Tim Jack (TJ) David Lunn (DL)
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Item		Action
1.	<p><b>Welcome and opening prayer and Bible reading</b></p> <p>NW read from Acts 2 42-47 and gave his reflections based on inspiration and purpose of a PCC</p> <p>RA led with a prayer, others shared theirs and NW rounded them off.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Apologies for absence</b></p> <p>Apologies were noted from: Ann Southwell and Kevin Mentzel.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Conflicts of interest</b></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Approval of minutes from the meeting held on 22 September 2021</b></p> <p>JB was notes as present at the meeting and he was not. The minutes of the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 22 September were then approved as an accurate record.</p>	
5.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Finance update - BE</b></p> <p>6.1 BE provided an overview on the <u>key financial information</u> which was shared prior to the meeting.</p> <p>6.2 Proposed budget for 2022:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- This was shared prior to the meeting.</li> <li>- Wall box contributions are expected to reduce due to Denman College closing as a lot of visitors from there came into the church.</li> </ul>	

<p>6.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Income of £114,110</li> <li>- PCM asked about the contributions via Amazon Smile and BE advised her to follow this up as her contributions have not been passed onto the church.</li> <li>- JB spoke about Give as you live and suggested this could be looked at.</li> <li>- Expenditure estimated as £130,866 –  <b>Action:</b> need to plan in cost of gas cylinders at St. Luke’s  <b>Action:</b> further action needs to take place on expenditure – nothing included for expenditure such as the driveway</li> <li>- DL asked if regular giving dropped off during Covid and BE responded there was no change.</li> <li>- Discussion re lack of reference in church services about regular giving. NW said this is a planned focus for services in January 2022.</li> <li>- The budget for 2022 currently shows a deficit of £16,756</li> </ul> <p>NW thanked BE for his work on the budget.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> the budget for 2022 will be reviewed at the November PCC meeting.</p> <p><u>Parish Share</u>  Document shared prior to the meeting. Our Parish share is about £69,000. We have been asked by the Deanery Synod to vote on the proposed parish share. CN seconded the proposal and all PCC members supported it.</p>	<p>BE BE</p> <p>BE</p>
<p>7.</p> <p>7.1</p> <p>7.2</p> <p>7.3</p> <p>7.4</p>	<p><b>Fabric / Faculty updates – TG</b></p> <p><u>Roof repairs</u>  These have been delayed due to supply issues and are due to re-start week of 1/11/21.</p> <p><u>Boiler replacement</u>  This is completed and ‘noises’ should not happen now.</p> <p><u>St Luke’s painting</u>  This has been completed.</p> <p><u>Driveway</u>  Discussions still in progress.</p>	
<p>8.</p> <p>8.1</p> <p>8.2</p> <p>8.3</p>	<p><b>St. Luke’s – PCM</b></p> <p>£551 from the collection plate.</p> <p>Potential for six Christenings at the church.</p> <p>Remembrance service at 12pm</p> <p>Discussion to take place for both church choirs to amalgamate for Christmas.</p>	

9.	<b>Safeguarding update – CW/RA</b>	
9.1	Two on-going safeguarding issues. One is under the review of the PCC subgroup and the second I am in conversation with the Diocese.	
9.2	RA and CW met with Jill Rowe and Rob Finch on 28/9/21.	
9.3	Reminder for safeguarding training to be completed.	
9.4	CW linkis.ng with homegroup leaders on their training requirement	
10.	<b>Health and Safety / Covid-19 update</b>	
10.1	Friday 5 November – bonfire and fireworks in the church yard. Risk assessment to be completed.	
10.2	Covid – continue to encourage mask wearing.	
11.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>a) <u>Transfer of funds to MML</u> PCC approved transfer of £1,500.</p> <p>BE expressed concerns about not being able to track funds going via MML into Moldova and further discussions need to take place about this.</p> <p>b) <u>Crown Community Pub proposal</u> The Crown pub has closed. Discussions have been taking place about it becoming a community pub. A proposal is needed for December 2021.</p> <p>c) <u>Church weekend</u> Planning for the May bank holiday weekend.</p> <p>d) <u>Faith at the musicals</u> This is linked to Tearfund and TG will start looking at some dates with them. A deposit of £500 is required and tickets are generally £6 a person.</p>	BE / NW / TG / NR
12.	CP closed the meeting in prayer.	
13.	The meeting closed at 21:40	

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 24 November** and will be a face-to-face meeting in church.