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

**Minutes of the committee meeting held on**

**Wednesday 23 February 2022**

**Present**

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| Neil Rowe (NR)  Ruth Atkins (RA)  Tamsin Gilbert (TG)  Caroline Manders (CM)  Chrystal Poon (CP)  Bryan Eccles (BE)  John Boardman (JB) | | Rev’ d Nick Weldon (NW)  David Lunn (DL)  Chris Nutman (CN)  Jill Rowe (JR)  Barney Stevens (BS)  Alison Lyndon (AL)  Tim Jack (TJ) | |
| **Item** |  | | **Action** |
| 1.  1.1  1.2  1.3  1.4 | **Welcome and opening prayer and Bible reading**  The meeting started at 19:52.  CP read Revelation 4 and NW gave his reflections.  PCC members shared their prayer and NW closed them.  CM arrived at this point. | |  |
| 2.  2.1  2.2 | **Apologies for absence**  Apologies were noted from: Ann Southwell, Carolyn Whiting, Danni Grady,  No response from: Pamela Carter Moore (PCM) | |  |
| 3. | **Conflicts of interest**  There were no declarations of interest. | |  |
| 4.  4.1 | **Approval of minutes from the meeting held on 26 January 2022**  The minutes of the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 26 January 2022 were approved as an accurate record and NW signed them. | |  |
| 5.  5.1  5.2  5.3 | **Matters Arising**  NW has spoken to Ben about organ playing and fees  Youth weekend away – CP provided an update. 12 young people from our church attended. Studied from the book of Daniel. Marcham youth were in mixed groups for Bible study. Rob did a great job in including all the Marcham youth. It was an encouraging time and look forward to further joint opportunities. NW thanked CP and Rob Finch.  Churchyard – nest boxes will be put in in place the weekend of 26 February Church yard group still being looked at by TG. TJ asked if our aspiration as an eco-church still stands, TG responded that being an A Rocha Eco-church is part of the conversation still. | |  |
| 6.  6.1  6.2  6.3  6.4  6.5  6.6  6.7  6.8  6.9  6.10 | **Children and Families Ministry update**  JR joined the meeting to share an update on the Children and Families Ministry.  Sunday kids   * We have 26, 3-11 year olds and six under twos * Have a really good group of volunteers to help with sessions. Main leaders are JR, Anne Wilson and Vicki Tinkler. * Outdoor church once a month – have recently made sensory boxes and bird boxes   COG   * For children aged 8 to 11 years old. * Meets Sunday afternoon on a fortnightly basis.   An opportunity to explore faith deeper and have fun.   * About 9 attending   Baptisms   * Explore Baptism and lead them forward to their service and make it special for each family. * Baptisms take place in the church – a preference of families. * Have nine between now and May. * JB asked about children and youth and adult baptisms. NW said we are looking at a youth Baptism service in the early summer.   Friday Club   * For primary school aged children. * Since we have been at the MCC have often had over 50 children and six to eight adults most weeks and 12 young leaders. * Autumn theme has been light and this term is love and four Biblical forms of love.   RA raised about safeguarding concerns at the MCC – this does not relate to Friday Club and she said she would be following this up with Jim Asher, Chair of the MCC.  Tiddlypeeps   * Toddler group on a Tuesday morning and it is led by Lucy Stevens. * JR meets with young mum and engages with them. * About 20 families attend.   School   * 170 on the school roll. * Following Covid now increasing time at school and supporting Key Stage 1 and hoping to start assemblies’ next term. * Will be making a cake to take in each week for staff. * Just started a prayer meeting at school for any members of staff. These will be held each term. Will look at holding a church prayer time in the school   Preschool  Currently on hold.  Little Angels  Currently on hold.  Looking forward   * Holiday Club is being planned for August 2022. * Encouraging children / youth to go on Christian summer camps. Some children have been going to Adventure Plus which is local. * Planning a COG sleepover.   Re-exploring chaplaincy for the school.   * What JR has been doing at school but giving it a title and legitimises her role in the school. Additional training would be needed. * The role can cover children, staff and parents * Good look at applying for a grant for this role * NW and JR are having discussions with the Dioceses.   Points for prayer and consideration going forward  All of the above and energy for JR and finding the right balance in all her areas of work.  Prayers were said for JR and the work taking place.  JR left the meeting at this point (20:36) | |  |
| 7.  7.1  7.2  7.3  7.4  7.5  7.6  7.7  7.8 | **Finance update** – BE  Information was provided prior to the meeting and this included detailed schedules. Please link with BE if you would like to discuss these further.  The accounts for 20/21 have closed.  See the accompanying sheets for details.  Service on Giving was on Sunday 20th Feb and it was well received.  Concern at potential decline in donations and the impact it may have. Budget will be reviewed April 2022.  Accounts will be going to Mike Greg – Independent Examiner  In March 2022 BE will be looking at the system for people for submitting expenses in order to make it clearer and more streamlined.  Paper on MML was shared prior to the meeting: Statement on the Marcham Moldova Lifeline   * BE will be taking over the cash management for MML. * Money will be sent to Moldova by electronic bank transfer.   JB expressed concern about cash payments being stopped. BE reassured, if MML feel cash does need to be taken out to let him know so it can continue if needed.  4K is from people donating to All Saints (restricted funds) which are for MML only.  Wider debate to take place at some stage on Giving.  PCC approved the document on how the MML operates and acknowledged the PCC can override it if needed and an extra-ordinary PCC meeting/discussion can be held.  Further discussions on budget management support/course to take place.  Action: BE to make it clear to MML team that the system can be changed if needed but it needs a PCC discussion first.  £1,500 left in the Covid fund account. Needs to be used by end of year ideally. | |  |
| 8.  8.1  8.2  8.3 | **Fabric / Faculty updates** – TG/NR  Discussions about the driveway are still taking place and waiting for a second quote to be submitted.  One slate lost of the south side tower due to the winds and a couple of stone tiles missing.  St. Luke’s roof – replaced broken tiles with other ones they had. The tree has been trimmed. | |  |
| 9.  9.1  9.2  9.3  9.4 | **Refurbishment discussion** – NW  Information was shared prior to the meeting and a presentation was given at the meeting.  Headline reactions: looks practical, like where the font could be moved to, having frosted glass on the area by the chancel, questions about having a division or not in the multi-space area /vestry, this is not assuming pews are removed, its brilliant and is getting things moving, could do front and back developments at different times.  These plans allow for realistic developments and potential costs of £100,000  Next stage will be an informal visit by DAC and sharing wider but with caveats, so people do not think it is a done deal. | |  |
| 10. | **St. Luke’s**  No update. | |  |
| 11. | **Foundation Governor appointment** – NW  PCC approved Carolyn Whiting as a Foundation Governor and this will be for four years. | |  |
| 12.  12.1  12.2  12.3 | **Safeguarding update** – RA  Two on-going safeguarding issues.  Reminder for safeguarding training to be completed.  Domestic abuse online training – a requirement for all PCC members | |  |
| 13.  13.1 | **Health and Safety / Covid-19 update**  Continue to be sensitive to different perspectives of our church family. | |  |
| 14.  14.1  14.2 | **AOB**   1. Church weekend   Planning for the 27/29 May 2022.   1. APCM Sunday 1 May, 4pm   Cuppa and cake and then the APCM   1. Going to re-start the Men’s breakfast on Saturday 2nd April 9-11 at the MCC.   Action: Small hall to be booked for 3 months initially.  RA expressed a desire for a women’s breakfast to re-start. | | TG |
| 15. | JB closed the meeting in prayer. | |  |
|  | The meeting closed at 21:48 | |  |

**The next meeting is on Wednesday 23 March 2022** in church.