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

**Minutes of the committee meeting held on**

**Wednesday 26 January 2022**

**Present**

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| Neil Rowe (NR)  Ruth Atkins (RA)  Tamsin Gilbert (TG)  Caroline Manders (CM)  Chrystal Poon (CP)  Bryan Eccles (BE)  Carolyn Whiting (CW) | | Rev’ d Nick Weldon (NW)  David Lunn (DL)  Chris Nutman (CN)  Rob Finch (RF) | |
| **Item** |  | | **Action** |
| 1.  1.1  1.2  1.3  1.4 | **Welcome and opening prayer and Bible reading**  The meeting started at 19:50.  NW shared a handout of the purpose of off a PCC and this included two Bible readings.  We reflected on the passages and essential values we should have as a Church: God must be central, love, sacrificial, outward look/missional, reaching out to the whole world, focus on making disciples and delighting in God’s presence.  PCC members shared their prayers and NW rounded them off.  CM arrived. | |  |
| 2. | **Apologies for absence**  Apologies were noted from: Barney Stevens, Alison Lyndon, Tim Jack, Ann Southwell, Pamela Carter Moore and Danni Grady.  No response from: Jonathan Boardman | |  |
| 3. | **Conflicts of interest**  There were no declarations of interest. | |  |
| 4. | **Approval of minutes from the meeting held on 24 November 2021**  The minutes of the Parochial Church Council meeting held on 24 November 2021 were approved as an accurate record. | |  |
| 5.  5.1 | **Matters Arising**  Pub update  Re-opened recently. Building work will start in April for three months and during this time the brewery will look at who may take it on. | |  |
| 6.  6.1  6.2  6.3  6.4  6.5  6.6  6.7 | **Youth Update**  RF joined the meeting to share what God is doing with our young people.  Current activities   * Sunday morning youth group – linking with themes of the main service (3-6 people) * Sunday night youth at the church – some young people re-engaging (12-13 people) * MUGA Monday – playing basketball and football. Young people in the village who do not attend church take part and youth from the church (8-12 people) * New families on Sunday morning who have teens * Young people helping to lead some services * Young people helping at Friday Club   Going forward   * Youth residential weekend in February halt term with Christchurch and Peachcroft * Come and meet the vicar and his wife and eat pizza (focus on 6th formers)   Core team  Rob, Jay, Chrystal & Martin Poon  Points for prayer and consideration going forward   * Prayers for youth evangelism * Prayers for new families with teenagers who have joined the church * Prayers for the youth weekend in February   CW asked how we can engage with the youth in Garford. CW has offered to help get the information into Garford – via What’s App, Facebook, flyers.  TG commented it is encouraging for youth to be involved in the church and on the rota for helping.  PC members said prayers.  RF left at this point | |  |
| 7.  7.1  7.2  7.3  7.4 | **Finance update** – BE  Financial update  Information was provided prior to the meeting.  BE explained that expenditure in November £18,500 was higher than income due to major projects – the boiler at All Saints and the painting at St. Luke’s  Income for November was £2,000 higher than expected due to donations.  Thanks, were given to Cathie Little for all the support she has been giving BE.  Christmas Donations  Information was provided prior to the meeting.  All Saints: Total net income of £655.72  PCC members agreed to the following:   * Tearfund: £220 * Porch: £220 * All Saints: £200   St. Luke’s: Total net income of £270.77  PCC members agreed to the following:   * £135: St Luke’s * £135 between Maggie’s and the village hall   25% gift aid will also be included.  Proposed fees for people who help at weddings and funerals   * Organist £70 * Bellringers (£20 a bell) * AV £70 (AV person £100 if more complex e.g. live streamed)   With letter to sign saying they need to sort out tax deductions (apart from people employed by the church – it would be in addition to their salary)  This was approved by the PCC.  CW asked for it to be noted that musicians are underpaid. NW explained the organist for All Saints has agreed this fee.  Action: NW agreed to speak to Ben who plays the organ at St Luke’s.  MML  BE has had discussions with Mary Embleton and Eric Dunford and a draft statement has been provided by Mary.  BE may take over the treasury aspects of MML but not become part of the MML group – further discussions to take place. | | NW |
| 8.  8.1  8.2  8.3  8.4  7.5 | **Fabric / Faculty updates** – TG/NR  Roof repairs  Awaiting better weather to undertake repairs at St. Luke’s  Driveway  Have the architects plan and are waiting for fresh quotes.  All Saints refurb ideas  Awaiting options from the architect following informal discussions to improve some areas of the church.  Churchyard management  A new group needs to be set up. Meeting with the Parish Council to be arranged.  Resolution regarding parish boundaries (extra fields)  Two field areas which ‘belong to’ another parish are to be transferred to our parish –  Proposer: BE  Seconder: CW  Unanimously approved by the PCC | | TG |
| 9.  9.1  9.2  9.3  9.4  9.5  9.6  9.7 | **St. Luke’s** – CW  Lime Trees and laurel bush have been cut back  Discussion with Neil Walker (Farmer) about access  Having problems opening doors and would like a locksmith to have a look at them.  Action: TG to ask maintenance person to have an initial look  Thanks, were given to NW  36 at the carol service  48 carols on the green  28 at crib service  12 to 13 people in the choir at Christmas and will have rehearsals fortnightly. First rehearsal 15 people attended  27 February plough service is taking place. | | TG |
| 10.  10.1  10.2  10.3 | **Safeguarding update** – CW/RA  Two on-going safeguarding issues.  Reminder for safeguarding training to be completed.  Domestic abuse online training – a requirement for all PCC members | |  |
| 11.  11.1  11.2 | **Health and Safety / Covid-19 update**  Health and Safety related to the MUGA   * Risk assessment needs to be completed * Minimum of two adults at each session * Ensure a first aid kit is available   Action: TG to discuss with Rob Finch  Nationally move to plan A 27/1/22 – risk assessment to be updated. | | TG |
| 12. | **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. Platinum Jubilee weekend plans   Weekend after the church weekend. Sunday 5 June – big lunch.  Action: CW and NW to discuss potential events at St Luke’s  d) Foundation Governor  CW shared her interest in being a foundation governor – RA to discuss further. | | NW/CW  RA |
| 13. | NW closed the meeting in prayer. | |  |
| 134 | The meeting closed at 21:42 | |  |

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