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

**Wednesday 25th October 2023 – 7.45pm start, in All Saints Church, Marcham**

**MINUTES**

Chrystal Poon (CP) Neil Rowe (NR) John Scoble (JS)

Catherine Mentzel (CMe) Carolyn Whiting (CW) Sue Lawton (SL)

Danni Grady (DG) Bryan Eccles (BE) Tony Carter (TC)

Jonathan Boardman (JB)

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| *No.* | *Item* |
| **1.**  **2.**  **3. 4.**  **5.** | **Welcome, Bible reading and opening prayer: CP Apologies for absence -** Rev. Nick Weldon, Tamsin Gilbert, Caroline Manders, Tim Jack, Chris Nutman, Alison Lyndon, Ruth Atkins, David Lunn, Barney Stevens.  **Conflicts of interest** - none  **Minutes of the meeting of 27th Sept 2023 –** approved as an accurate record.  **Matters arising –** parish council churchyard committee – to be taken in fabric update. |
| **7.** | **Financial update: JS**  Holiday club moved from ministry team expenses into events.  CW asked if anything was surprising or concerning, JS feels not, currently no scope to change anything.  Discussed fuel increases which are due to double as we had such a good deal before.  TC raised concerns about deficit, BE explained it is due to now paying full parish share rather than joint with Shippon.  Budget setting for next year will be discussed at next meeting.  Insurance now being paid monthly, means we will pay less in this financial year. |
| **8.** | **All Saints Reordering Project: NR**  Phase 1 – kitchen and toilets – sub-group meeting on 30/10 with architect to discuss costings. NR proposed applying for a faculty for this work and asking for tenders. This was unanimously agreed by PCC.  Lots of discussion on how to raise funds. Concern that we do not have enough money to proceed. This was discussed at length. Sub-committee for grant applications to be formed – CW,JB,DG,NR. Also to approach Hugh Lawton. NR suggests applying to Plunkett Foundation. |
| **9.** | **Fabric update: NR**   * AS video projector – screen mocked up for us to view. Cost of up to £3000 inc VAT agreed by PCC. JS mentioned we need to consider security of it. * AS Genesis One Project – stretch tent - £4000 + VAT. Agreed by PCC. * Coping stones and tiles above vestry – 2 separate companies being used, PCC agreed for this work to be completed. * Parish council churchyard committee – negotiating more work on footpaths in churchyard – considering all footpaths being resin pressed. Funding from Council, we will organise the works. Tree surgeon giving report, this is also paid for by parish council. * Electronic organ requires replacement – to be discussed again at next meeting. * St Luke’s church yard lighting – faculty application in progress. * St Luke’s toilet and tap (update) – CW has selected a toilet. * St Luke’s path – mesh suggested, CW to look into this. * St Luke’s bell – needs to be rehung - £4938, VAT can be recovered. Agreed to work being completed. Discussed seeing whether we could get a grant for this. Needs a faculty, CW to apply for this. |
| **10.** | **St Luke’s: CW**  40 at service of light. 14 people in the choir. Discussed paying Ben Skipp for his work – for further discussion. |
| **11.** | **Mission Committee** (report back from meeting on 3rd Aug) **JG – JG not present, to be carried over to next meeting.** |
| **12.** | **Safeguarding update: RA – RA not present, to be carried over to next meeting.** |
| **13.** | **School Foundation Governor vacancy –** need another governor. |
| **14.** | **Health & Safety** – no matters arising. |
| **15.** | **A.O.B. –** group has hired the Marcham centre for 4 weeks to hold Christian Gospel Meetings. SL concerned, has met with the group and feels there should be a representation from All Saints there tomorrow. |
| **16.** | **Closing prayer** |

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**PCC next meetings:** Wednesday 22nd November