

Present – Revd Hugh Ellis (HE), (LB), Robyn Connelly (RC), Edgar Samuel (ES), John Lord (Treasurer) (JLd), Sheila Doig (SD), Barry Titchen (Synod Rep)(BT); Mark Johnson (MJ); Jean Johnson (see item 3 below) (JJ); Barbara Bowman (BB); Edgar Samuel (ES); Thistle Martin (TM); Lynda Titchen Moorcroft (LM)
Arrived 20.00: Jennifer Cartledge (Churchwarden) (JC), Lis Burns (LB) (Churchwarden)

1. Welcome from Chairperson.

HE welcomed everyone and particularly to new members of the PCC: Barbara Bowman, Mark and Jean Johnson. LM agreed to minute the meeting in PH's absence.

The opening prayers were led by HE.

2. Apologies/Did not attend

Philip Hynard (Secretary); Jackie Lock, Dawn Segrue, Gareth Morley, Derek Lancaster, David Knights, Nick Cousins (NC), Ray Levy (RL)

3. Co-option of Jean Johnson

- BT proposed and JL seconded the proposal to co-opt Jean Johnson on to the PCC with all in favour. Jean was cordially welcomed.

4. The Role of the PCC

- As this is the first meeting of the newly convened PCC, HE read out the Church of England's Guidance for PCCs and members as a reminder of the collective (and individual) responsibilities.

5. Environmental Matters

- ES confirmed that he has spoken to Paul Meek. Paul is considering this but has not yet come back with a response. RC added that the young people have been approached but they are all focusing now on exams.

6. Deanery Synod Report

The report was circulated prior to the meeting – there were no questions.

- BT added that there is a lot of activity in the Deanery which is not well communicated more widely – something to be addressed. BT to arrange for the Deanery Synod minutes to be uploaded to the AS OneDrive (cloud-based storage location – with access available to senior leadership team and PCC members on request).

7. Minutes of PCC meeting 2nd Feb 2022: approved.

8. Minutes of PCC meeting 8th May 2022: approved.

9. Minutes of Meeting of Parishioners 8th May 2022: approved 'in principle'.

10. Minutes of Annual Parochial Church Meeting 8th May 2022: approved 'in principle'.

11. Matters arising from minutes of these meetings

- Discipleship Training Scheme: this has been given full consideration with the decision by SLT to postpone engagement with the Scheme for one year. It was explained that, during the interregnum, the trainee would not be able to be given the level of support needed or required.
- Tech support: More volunteers are needed - MJ confirmed his intention to join the team shortly. Hazel Arthur has also expressed interest. ACTION: BT to contact Hazel to follow up her expression of interest.
- Evensong time: A consultation was held with attendees, bellringers and other interested parties with the majority wishing to keep the service at the current time of 17.00 and agreed that bells are to be rung after the service rather than prior to the service.
- Update on Living in Love and Faith (LLF): The response to the Deanery was circulated in advance of the meeting for PCC members' information. It was generally felt to be a well-considered and balanced response on behalf of AS. HE has approached DK re the possibility of leading a 5-session group to explore LLF with the wider congregation at AS.

There were no further matters arising.

12. Team Reports:

All reports were circulated prior to the meeting.

12.1: Worship & Liturgy (DL): no comments/questions on the report.

- LB updated the PCC on the appointment process for the Director of Music post: advertisements have now been published and LB agreed to also post the information on the Evensong Appreciation Society social media account. Interviews are planned for 2nd July with DL leading on the appointment process. Philip Wayne and Ollie Roberts have been engaged in the interim to 'fill the gap'.

12.2: Mission & Evangelism (GM):

- There was brief discussion re the Churchyard Project following GM's departure in 12 months' time and it was agreed that a Deputy should be identified sooner rather than later with a view to continuing the good work that GM has developed and progressed so far. GM to action. There were no other comments/queries.

12.3: Pastoral Matters (JL):

- Concern was voiced regarding the lack of information made available to parishioners on long-term members who fall ill and can no longer attend but about whom there is little further information, feedback or more specific prayer requests. With the permission of the people concerned, it was suggested that more information could be shared with the Church family. It was noted that the report contains an invitation for additional members of the pastoral visiting team to help share the workload.

12.4: Children, Youth & Families (RC): no further comments/questions.

- HE confirmed that the Vicarage gardens can be used for children's/youth work during August and September.
- **Lighthouse:** ACTION: RC to liaise with JL re the annual Lighthouse appeal for both funds and volunteers.

12.5: Stewardship & Finance:

- JL confirmed that the accounts are ready for approval from the auditors with just a few outstanding queries (but no material changes to the figures).

12.6: Buildings & Fabric:

- The first meeting of the newly convened team is set for 8th June – the team remains the same in membership with the exception of David Snoxell who has now retired from the Committee. Many thanks to David for his contribution to the Committee.
- The annual 'church clean' is to be held on 20th August – the Committee will be actively seeking volunteers.

12.7: Communications: no comments/questions

13. Team Rector's Report:

- HE shared the aims – particularly re ethos and culture - which HE had previously produced regarding the Team Rector aspect of his role: mutual support and caring for one another, friendship, respect,

understanding, unity, appreciation of how differences between the churches bring benefits to the worshipping community of High Wycombe.

- LB added that there had been discussion at the Team Council for the Benefice regarding the optimum location for the Team Rector and that there was good majority support for this role to stay with All Saints.
- It was suggested - and agreed – that the congregation at All Saints would benefit from inviting members from the different team churches to preach at AS during the interregnum. HE explained that nothing can yet be arranged until his formal resignation has been tendered and the reasons for the delay with this. It is expected that this will be resolved shortly at which point his resignation will become 'formal'.

14. Churchwardens' Report: no comments/questions.

15. Oakley Hall Report:

- Refurbishment work in the Oakley Hall will be going ahead but currently awaiting quotes. The next meeting date will be set once the quotes are available.

16. Safeguarding: concern was expressed at the frequent changes of personnel heading the Diocesan Safeguarding Team. The names listed both on the poster of key personnel (in the Church building) and on the website are likely to be out of date. ACTION: LB to get the current details and update the relevant sites.

The use of the 'Dashboard' on OneDrive (online, cloud-based platform) will enable more efficient tracking and responses to safeguarding cases listed on the system.

Safeguarding training: new members of the PCC will need to complete the Safeguarding Training. ACTION: PH(?) to inform Jo Norman of new members for training.

17. Appointment/confirmation of Holy Communion Assistants:

- The names of HCAs were read out and all approved unanimously.

18. Community Matters:

- All Saints' Community Day: The date for this event has been set as Saturday 9th July with the aim of showcasing the range of events and activities which are an integral part of the life of AS. The proposal is for AS groups to run activities during the morning/lunchtime period aligned to their areas of interest and in which the public can be involved in some way. Activities will need to be easily transferable to inside the church should the weather be inclement on the day. More details to be made available shortly.

19. AOUB:

- Churchyard pest problem: LB and JC reported that the Church has already addressed the problem as far as possible and insofar as the Church itself was affected. As there is still a very visible rat presence in the Churchyard, the Churchwardens have written to the local Council to petition them to address the situation. Their response is awaited.

20. Meeting Ends

HE closed the meeting with prayers and the Grace.

The meeting ended at approx. 21.00

Future meeting dates:

- SLT Standing Committee - Wednesday 6th July 2022
- PCC - Wednesday 20th July 2022
- SLT Standing Committee - Wednesday 7th September 2022
- *SLT Strategy - Wednesday 14th September 2022*
- PCC - Wednesday 21st September 2022
- SLT Standing Committee - Wednesday 9th November 2022
- PCC - Wednesday 23rd November 2022