



Saint Michael and All Angels, Highworth with Sevenhampton and Inglesham

Minutes of PCC Meeting – Monday 18th November 2019, 7.45pm, in Church Room

Present: Bobby Bailey (BB), Julia Bishop (JB), Peter Croton (PC), Alf Fortnam (AF), Colin Gunn (CG), Ruth Huband (RH), Pam Linfield (PL), Geoff Sowden (GS), and Julie Miles (JM)

| Agenda | Action |
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| 1 Open in prayer by GS | |
| 2 Apologies: Stephen Fasham (SF), Helen Lawrence (HL), Philip Sapwell (PS), Emily Swinerd (ES), Lesley Uzzell (LU) | |
| 3 Minutes of PCC Meeting Monday 16th September 2019 and Matters arising Hall lighting – More lights are no longer working. CG has provided two quotes to SF. GS to phone PT to discuss. Re-ordering update – The freeze restoration will be reviewed with DAC in due course. Minutes signed by GS. | GS |
| 4 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest None declared. | |
| 5 Swindon Deanery Synod Meeting Minutes received by all and no matters arising. | |
| 6 Finance SF provided a report prior to the meeting. GS felt the PCC should pay for Ministry and we go to Clinton to pay for evergreen costs for the building. CG and team are working to reduce the heating costs and have put temperature back 1 degree during midweek on advice from the heating installers. There is still a need to be able to programme the heating for events and it is hoped that once the broadband is installed in the next 7-10 days, it should be possible to programme it remotely. Resolution 1 – That the PCC authorise the treasurer to transfer funds from the Fabric fund to enable the final parish share payment within 2019 as expected by the diocese. SF proposed, JB second, all in favour, 2 abstentions from the Clinton Trustees. Res 19/11/01 Resolution 2 – That the PCC treasurer is asked to put forward a request to Clinton's for additional funding to a level that means the PCC does not show a current account deficit for 2019. This request to be for additional funding for projects already part funded by Clinton's and direct costs of running the Church building. SF proposed, JB second, all in favour, 2 abstentions from the Clinton Trustees. Res 19/11/02 | SF SF |
| 7 Connections Report Baptism families – A good first baptism by ES last weekend. ES not available to provide further details on this item. Feedback from the St Michael's w/e David Bracewell is a good speaker. More people attended the whole weekend and most of the usual congregation attended. | |

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| | <p>Congregational Unity</p> <p>We are looking more outward but not unified internally, for example, helping with the Church building, locking up, tidying up. There are more groups of people than one whole group. Perhaps everyone needs to be more proactive in trying to talk to each other.</p> <p>Are there less congregation members since the reordering?</p> <p>Musical unity is not there as many songs are performance songs and people don't know when to/not to sing.</p> <p>People are being more gracious but not necessarily getting what they want.</p> <p>Celebration services has brought more unity and coming together for these events.</p> <p>There is still tension between the young and old. We aren't nurturing and helping the young to grow.</p> <p>Multigenerational worship – ES, GS and Bella Fasham attended and will report back at the next meeting.</p> <p>We need to prefer each other and for it not to be about what we prefer as individuals.</p> <p>Times have changed, work, life, family balance and more acceptance of all is needed and help and supported offered to all those who need it.</p> <p>Immersion Baptism, all enjoyed the meal and stayed afterwards and split up into different groups.</p> <p>More discussions on unity are needed.</p> | |
| 8 | <p>Generosity Workshop Report</p> <p>Not discussed due to absence of ES.</p> <p>Generosity Teaching Series</p> <p>Not discussed due to absence of SF but looking to include in the Spring rota.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>Office Report</p> <p>IT Update – GS to get update from SF</p> | GS |
| 10 | <p>Fabric</p> <p>Committee Minutes – no matters arising</p> <p>Church Room – another plumber has reviewed and CG waiting for the quote. The donation is not going to cover entire cost.</p> <p>Tree Work – a quote from Greenshawe Services has been received and similar to Neil Portlock (NP) quote. NP report was more comprehensive and will replace tree as well as get all the permissions which is in addition to Greenshawe.</p> <p>JB confirmed the Council won't accept any responsibility for the trees still.</p> <p>GS recommends asking Clinton to pay for the tree work which is what happened last time.</p> <p>Resolution – Accept NP quote and request payment from Clinton, PC proposed, CG seconded, all in favour with two abstentions from the Clinton Trustees.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Res 19/11/03</div> <p>Disposal / return of Church furniture</p> <p>GS, all items have been returned which need to come back.</p> <p>Justin Riggs, could use some of the remaining items at the farm, including plastic chairs.</p> <p>There is a list in the Office for first refusal of some pews, costs are based on the size of the pews, between £100-£150. An Auctioneer has been booked for 4th December 2019 to access values on remaining items.</p> <p>A working party is needed to go to the farm to clean the upholstered chairs, suggested date 18th January 2020.</p> <p>CG to contact Justin to confirm two dates for visiting the farm.</p> <p>Sevenhampton Bells</p> <p>The bells are sat on a wooden frame and haven't been rang since the 1960s and there is no idea of how safe the frame and bells are.</p> | <p>JM</p> <p>CG</p> |

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| | GS to speak to Mary Sainsbury to confirm a survey of the bells will be organised and then a meeting for Sevenhampton team to decide on next steps will be arranged. JM to book survey with Malcolm Barnes, local Diocese bell adviser. | GS JM |
| 11 | Highworth Churches Together Weekend The HCT weekend will be organised for the same weekend as the fun day for 2020, 11 th and 12 th July. Gavin Calvert has been booked for the Sunday. Thoughts and prayers to prepare for Gavin coming with further discussions on preparing to be had with the Connections team. | |
| 12 | AOB Bell Quotes – Resolution to be sent to Clinton requesting financial assistance with painting the bell frame. PC proposed, CG seconded, all in favour and two abstentions from the Clinton Trustees. <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Res 19/11/04</div> Church Cleaning Agreed this should be a Clinton evergreen item. Mike Gibbin (MG) has mentioned he using a dry steam cleaner for the same tiles as in Church. GS to write to MG to get specification on steam cleaner. GS to speak to Ann Crowley for payment of a Hoover for Church use as this is needed now the weather has turned. Children in Communion GS, with input from Blunsdon, there is work being done on the best process to adopt for education and training to implement for those taking communion before confirmation. | JM GS GS |
| 13 | Correspondence – none | |
| 14 | Grace and Close | |
| | No Standing Committee meeting on Monday 16th December unless any urgent issues arise. Next Meeting of PCC is on Monday 20th January 2020 in the Church Room at 7.45pm. Please pass apologies to the PCC Secretary in advance of the meeting and raise AOB 10 days before the meeting so it can be added to the agenda | |