

## **Minutes of the PCC meeting, 07.09.2020. Zoom.**

1. Opening prayer.
2. Present. Ruth Fitter, Ruth Parsons, Heather de Gruyther, Dim Couston, Sue Matthews, Pamela Wells, Steve Roberts, Rachel Hawkins.  
  
Apologies. Graham Brooks, Maria Wells, Cynthia Kerr, David Jacques, Pauline Godfrey. Hannah Allen has resigned.
3. Minutes of the meeting 29.07 2020. With a few minor adjustments were proposed true by R P and seconded by R H. All agreed. (AA)
4. Matters arising. Possibly make family areas in the 2 side chapels. SR said it wouldn't work for them as they had a 'Houdini'. Possibly good for slightly older children.
5. Safeguarding Policy. The date is to be changed to today. Proposed we accept it, by Steve, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ruth P. (AA). This will be displayed in church, Emailed to PCC members and Steve will put it on the website. All DBS checks are up to date.
6. Finances. Signatories for the bank account need to be changed as the clergy have a monopoly at present. ASAP these will be R F, C K, R P and C S (treasurer). R F proposed R P to be a signatory, seconded by P W . (AA). Hannah Hauxwell, Julie Holder & Sallie Gould names to be removed.

Balance of current account: £10,543. 68p

CCLA (fabric) £12,102. 90p

CCLA £2,500.

We are blessed because people contribute £2,083 to the parish giving scheme which nearly pays the Parish Share. The collection plate makes up the rest.

Blessed because people have been giving as usual during lockdown.

Blessed because the Contact Centre have been paying the same rent even though they are only using the building for 2/4 weeks.

Parish Share figures have come through for next year. There is a stand still budget.

We were given £8,000 from the Deanery Stipendary fund for 2020.

This took our share last year to £33,000.

This year it will be £41,000.

There will be a Deanery stipendary meeting on 3rd November and we will have to make a bid for a reduction. The PCC agreed to ask for a reduction of £6,000. Ruth has asked not to be specially favoured in her position as Area Dean. Share is bound to go up next year.

Steve suggested other parishes may have greater need, but Ruth told us that some other parishes have 2-3 years share money in reserve, for a rainy day. Bishop Rachel says that the rainy day is now. Dim said in light of this it is reasonable to ask for £6,000.

Some parishes are struggling.

Giving increased after the Parish Giving Scheme and after the lockdown appeal.

Ruth P proposed we ask for £6,000. Rachel 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
(AA)

7. Update on St Stephens. There was a meeting last week of architects, Rooftop City Council and Church.

The conservation officer is objecting to the demolition because it is a historical building despite not being listed. September demolition is not going to happen. Plans were viewed. Showed café space, storage, stairs and flats Maybe keep the façade somehow. Memorials to be incorporated. The loss of green space is a worry. Can some be incorporated? The Diocese is to be asked to consult the community, we haven't got the resources for this - or to run the coffee shop! The delay gives time for people to work things out properly, but the homeless people are still waiting.

8. 4RS. There has been quite a lot of response. The next stage is to collate & theme then put people into discussion groups. There is concern about the 'unseen' people. R&H are in contact with most. Concern that the cold weather will impede contact outside.

9. APCM. No new guidance. We have to hold it before the end of October. Will be on 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm. Notice has to be given by 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Reports are already done. Can collate and distribute in 7-10 days. Nomination forms can be posted out. We can do it by zoom as long as anyone who cannot connect can have their say. SR pointed out that people can phone in to connect audibly.

RF has contacted the Archdeacon with regard to the term for the Churchwardens. They will have a shorter duty as hopefully the APCM in 2021 will go back to May, when new wardens will be selected. All elected will serve only until May 2021. R P said we need to update the Electoral Role.

There are several vacancies on the PCC. P & D are standing down as wardens and need replacing. Need new deanery synod reps if possible. We should talk to people about who would be good for the PCC. Need some diversity!

10. AOB. PCC minutes to be on website, People's initials to be used.

Heather's priesting will be in the Cathedral at 10.15 on Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. Very limited supporters allowed. Sun 27<sup>th</sup> will be her first service presiding. Some discussion followed involving an apple pip and sunflower seeds.

11. We finished with the Grace.