

MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 12TH JULY 2022 AT 8.00PM IN CHURCH FOLLOWING THE 7.30PM EUCHARIST

Present: Fr Colin Lawlor (Chair), Rev Liz Quinn, Chris Gadd (Churchwarden), Rosy Stone (Churchwarden), Candy Williams (Deanery Synod), Patricia Byrne, Sue Hodgens, Anne Morgan, Mo Peters, Alice Pitney, Sara Schillemore, Lynn Winter, Sara Pask (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)
Co-opted: Malcolm Brewer (Hon Assistant Treasurer)

			<u>ACTION</u>
		Fr Colin welcomed Rev Liz to her first PCC meeting with us and said how pleased we are to have her and she will be a big asset to the Parish. Opening Prayer – Rev Liz read the Leading your Church into Growth Prayer. Fr Colin said he didn't think we needed to co-opt Rev Liz to the PCC as one of her roles while she is with us is to learn how to Chair a PCC meeting but just in case we would formally co-opt her. This was proposed by Mo Peters, seconded by Rosy Stone and agreed unanimously.	
1.		Apologies for absence: Tony Rice-Oxley (Deanery Synod), Lynne McNeill, Elaine Shimbart, Linda Smith	
2.		Minutes of last PCC meeting on Monday 9th May	
		The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
3.		Matters Arising	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Toddlers Teddy Bears Picnic</u> - Anne said that Dawn Hyett is worried about the amount of dog poo on the church lawns for the Teddy Bears picnic. Jane said the men who mow the lawns regularly have to pick up large amounts of dog poo before they can mow. The Council are not interested in taking action and the signs we have put up seem to have no effect. It was suggested putting poo bags at each entrance but it was decided that these would probably disappear without being used. After discussion It was agreed to mail drop all the residents in the flats opposite and Chris will look at some suitable wording for the letter. • <u>Bookcase in memory of John Symonds</u> – Malcolm said this has been ordered and paid for and he is just waiting for it to arrive. • Sara S said she is not on the list of Committee members for Mission and Stewardship as requested. Jane said as she was not at the meeting on 9th May when Committee members decided which Committee to go on she was added later to the Mission Committee and is now on the list. • <u>Trees</u> – Mo suggested the trees should be planted in the autumn. 	CG MP
4.	a)	Charity Treasurer's Report	
		As Lynne was unable to attend the meeting she sent Jane the following report: Christian Aid - £198.08 for May PDSA Cowplain - £103.81for June	
	b)	Treasurer's Report	
		Sara gave the following report: I hope that you all received the copy of the June monthly overview,	

	<p>please let me know if you didn't receive it.</p> <p>Budgets: We have exceeded our income budget on Loose Plate giving, Donations (the bulk of this came from the Waterlooville Music Festival), PCC Fees Received i.e. weddings and funerals etc. Our total income exceeds budget but we should be aware that just over £5,000 of this is in respect of St George's Cinema and we cannot use this money for any other purpose other than the cinema. Our total outgoings budget was exceeded by approx. £2,000 in June. The main outgoing that contributed to this was the expenditure on the paved area outside the church which was not budgeted for at the start of the year. Our UTB Account has been closed and the funds transferred into our main current account in May to enable us to pay our Parish Share. We anticipate that we will also have to make a withdrawal of £15,000 from our Investment Account and I am currently in correspondence with the Diocese as to how we arrange this and what the estimated time scale will be for this. Proposal I propose that we arrange to cash in shares to the value of £15,000 from our CCLA Investment Account. Is there a seconder for this proposal? We are still awaiting the Gift Aid refunds from HMRC for Quarter 4 2021, Quarter 1 2022 and Quarter 2 2022 and once this is received a much more improved situation will be seen in our accounts. Any questions?</p> <p>Sara Pask (as mentioned in her report above) proposed that we arrange to cash in shares to the value of £15,000 from our CCLA Investment Account No 129001059S in order that we can pay our full Parish Share for the next three months. The proceeds of this withdrawal should be remitted to our main PCC Current Account as follows: HSBC Bank 40.45.26 21425714 PCC St Georges Waterlooville. This was seconded by Patricia Byrne and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>It was agreed that we would defer our payment of the July parish share and pay 2 payments in August. Mo asked if we had to pay interest if we pay it late and was advised that we do not.</p> <p>Sara will be talking to Paul Read about how to show the Cinema separately as this is a restricted fund as the money was given to us by Waterlooville Events Team specifically for the purpose of the Cinema.</p> <p>Sara said the Diocese need to know about the money we received from the property in Warfield Avenue. Candy and Lynn think it must have been in the 1980s.</p> <p>Fr Colin thanked Sara for her continued hard work.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
	c) Fabric, Finance and Quinquennial Committee Report	
	Minutes of the meeting held on 21 st June have already been circulated. Chris said it was a very quiet meeting and he had nothing to add.	
5.	Other Committee Reports	
	a) Pastoral Committee	
	Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 16 th May have already been circulated. Nothing else to report. Patricia said Anne handed over chair to her and her first meeting as Chair is arranged for 5 th September.	

	b) Church Hall Committee	<u>ACTION</u>
	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on Friday 8th July have already been circulated. Malcolm said not a lot is happening – very quiet and not getting many enquiries for birthday parties etc. Waiting for Energy Co to let us know how much we will need to pay once our deal ends in the next couple of months and will have to look at putting up hire charges. We are still the cheapest in the area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As we must not put any garden rubbish in our bins, Malcolm proposed getting a garden rubbish bin which is collected every fortnight at a cost of £75 per year. This was seconded by Lynn Winter and agreed unanimously. • Jane said Tony asked her to bring up whether it is worth using the new filter coffee machine for Wednesday and Friday coffee as he thinks its wasteful as a lot is thrown away, particularly on a Friday. Fr Colin said the reason we bought the machine is because we want to encourage more people in for coffee on a Wednesday and Friday, particularly Friday which could end up stopping so we need to try new things. <p>Malcolm thinks it would be a good idea to lock the filter coffee machine away when not being used by the church. He thinks he can find a cupboard to put it in even if it means taking a shelf out. He will look into it.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">MB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MB</p>
	c) Mission and Stewardship Committee	
	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 6th July have already been circulated. Fr Colin said they had a good meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome Packs – now have all the materials to go in them but there are one or two bits to be updated which Fr Colin will do and Patricia will put everything in the packs. • Hope that Jacqui from Asda might come to the next meeting. • Wiggly Kids – this is all in hand. • Fr Colin told Mo they were not quite sure what she meant by repositioning the pews as she was not at the meeting. Mo said it was really to open up a discussion on the best positioning of the pews to provide a safe space for children. This will come up at the next meeting. • Bible Study Groups – intention is to start these in September. • Alpha (or “Being With”) course to start next year. Fr Colin thought the “Being With” course written by Sam Wells may be better suited to our tradition but this has not been published yet. • Community Engagement – Knit and Natter is proving a great success. The cinema started strongly but numbers were poor for the second film which may have been due to the increase in Covid cases in the area. The Bereavement Group continues to be very successful and Parents and Toddlers is also extremely popular with a waiting list. • Stewardship – difficult to talk about in the current financial climate but it has to be done. Sara P has come up with an idea of an away day for the PCC which could be made up of a combination of meditation periods as well as work on stewardship in a focused setting. Been thinking about where we could hold it. Fr Colin said he was at a meeting today and found out that Alton Abbey is on the point of closing as it is not financially viable. There are only around 3 sisters left at the Sisters of Bethany so not sure that is viable either. Park Place was suggested 	<p style="text-align: center;">CL/PB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CL</p>

	d)	Social and Fundraising Committee	<u>ACTION</u>
		<p>Malcolm chaired the last meeting on 6th July and the minutes from this meeting have already been circulated. He concentrated on the future events:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Lunch which was postponed from 29th May but it will now take place on 2nd October as the Harvest Parish Lunch. Church Shop – 14-26 November organised by Patricia providing we can find a shop. Chris will try to find premises for us but it is too early yet.. Christmas Bazaar – Saturday 3rd December and we are thinking of different ways of getting the congregation involved in providing raffle prizes etc. David Cain has suggested a concert and Pimms afternoon/evening in the church grounds where he will provide a quartet and Malcolm is currently liaising with David about a suggested date of 10th September. David Cain is also doing his summer Thursday lunchtime concerts but this has nothing to do with the Social Committee. 	CG
6.		Safeguarding Report	
		Sonja's Safeguarding report (via email) dated 11 th July has already been circulated to everyone. Fr Colin said the Basic Awareness training is probably all the majority of the PCC will need to do and he is sure that Sonja will advise people when this is up for renewal.	
7.		Deanery Synod Report	
		Fr Colin, Candy and Tony were unable to attend the last meeting but Fr Colin and Candy said that the minutes of this meeting have not yet been received.	
8.		Update by Fr Colin	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fr Colin said it is wonderful to have Rev Liz with us and he knows she will be a great asset to the Parish. The role of a Deacon will be written about in the next Magazine. We must remember that she is part-time and we must not expect too much of her. Fr Colin will be arranging with Rev Liz the days/times she will work. 	
9.		Correspondence / AOB	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sara P said that 10 days ago Malcolm received an invoice from HBC for business rates on Store 21 from November 2021 to April 2022 and projected rates for the following year – around £39,000. They think we have been running a business but the man from Savills has confirmed when we picked up the keys and returned them (3 weeks). Sara and Malcolm are sure that it will be resolved but we may have to pay rates on the time we were using the shop. 	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sara S asked about renewable energy for the church and the church hall. Sara P wondered whether the roof on the Hall and the roof on the church are strong enough to hold solar panels. Fr Colin to look into this. 	CL
10.		Date of Next PCC Meeting	
		The next meeting will be held on Thursday 6th October at 8pm following the 7.30pm Eucharist.	ALL

		Closing Prayer – The Grace	
		There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.	