

Minutes of the PCC held on 03.03.23 @ 10.00AM @ Rectory

1. Prayers

2. Apologies – None

3. Minutes of last meeting – agreed

4. Matters Arising

- Service of Remembrance – was well attended
- Discussed timings of service regarding 11 o'clock silence (and)
- Invite Mrs. Brown's Brownies from Combach to service
- Gathering of Quantock Deanery at Club was well attended and well received
- Funeral of Freddy Perham @ Stogursey Church
- Carol Service and Christmas Day Service were both well attended

5. Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM) Preparation

- APCM on 30th April after Service – Benefice Service 10.A.M. (supply refreshments)
- Acceptance of Annual Accounts – all agreed - Proposed by Rosie / Seconded by Ray
- Allocation of Reports - Report from Deanery (we can use APC)
- Electricity – Discussed / no major rise in costs
- PCC membership – A need to encourage more members and how?

6. Finances

- Bank Accounts of today
- C = £597.81
- R = £815.97
- S = £278.57
- Rosie and Vanessa to open separate Bank Account in Nat West for Church Project Grants, funds etc.

7. Reserves Policy

- We do not have any reserves (N/A)
Our running costs for:- Electric, Common Fund, maintenance (Rosie will work out our monthly outgoings for the church.

Aim to reserve 2 months of this (general funds for reserve) for emergencies in compliance with Reserve Policy requirement.

Legacies or large sums of money bequeathed to the church will be made clear.

8. Fabric

- N/A report on fabric
- £100 on guttering
- Tree in grounds of Steart – interfering with church roof and neighbouring wall (Sycamore) Diameter 600cm approximately
Alison will check with Diocese if we need a faculty to remove it.
- (EIG) Form – Health and Safety in church requires fully stocked First Aid Box/Cupboard, accident book and appointed person to oversee. Ray will do this.
- Preparation for (possible) inspection from Arch Deacon. (Need to look at check list!)

9. Safeguarding Policy

- Helen Greenwood is our appointed Safeguarding Officer.
- Policy will be circulated

10. Church Project

- We have secured a 2nd grant from EDF of £8,084 to enable us to finance the collection of reports/expert advice etc. and obtain relevant permissions from the Diocese for work to be carried out which will support the furtherment of our Church Project in preparation for the application for National Lottery Heritage fund by late summer deadline.
- Faculty permission can be applied for separate works (advise from DAC) as per architects plans.
- Re-ordering (faculty)
- Bells (faculty)
- Repairs to tower (may not need faculty)
- Drainage – toilets, heating etc. (Any removal of church structure (ie) floor will need faculty)
- Disability access (will need full faculty) between road into and to S. porch. All agreed(Proposed Ray, seconded Rosie)
- Screening off North Isle
- Kitchenette
- Reposition of font or organ etc.

The **sub-committee** (Rosie, Alison, John and Vanessa) can co-opt extra members to act as advisory committee. **Overall control by members of Church PCC.**

11. Pastrol Update

- Proposed **changes to our benefice** have been agreed in principle. Peter Evan will look at these, after the consultation period, there will be 6 weeks for residents to respond or object. The proposed changes will be pinned to the church door of each parish. Stogursey and Fiddington will join our benefice.
The church commissioners will hopefully agree, the Bishop will sign it off by beginning of May, possibly more consultation and by October we should be fully operational.
- **Launch** it is suggested for a special Service at Greatwood Camp - mid June or earlier.
- The PCC have been asked to think of a **new name** for the new benefice.
- Representative of each parish to attend closing off service.

12. Fundraising

- Harvest Supper – 8th October (book club) R & V away
- Annual Christmas Coffee Morning TBA @ Southbrook House
- Alison suggested merchandise makes money. (Ideas needed)
- Rosie will write letters to volunteer/helpers of the church

Meeting closed at 12.15 PM

Date of next meeting will be 12th May, 10.AM start @ Rectory

