

Parish of Wareham PCC

Minutes of meeting held at the Parish Hall on Wednesday 23rd March 2022

Present: Team Rector the Reverend Canon Simon Everett (Chair) **SE**, Team Vicar Stuart Cocksedge **SC**, Helen Williams (Assistant Curate) **HW**, Mike Quinlan **MQ**, Hilary Goodinge **HG**, Ginny Collings **VC**, Judith Leach, Simon Lathwell **SL**, Barbara Wells **BW**, David Kimble **DK**, Carol Turner **CT**, Nick Burden **NB**, Jon Moulton **JM**, Paul Harrison **PH**, Liz Day **LD**, Mark Lapper **ML** (Treasurer), Debs Barclay **Debs B** (Secretary)

Due to circumstances notified at the beginning of the meeting Diane Beaumont left the meeting at 8.55pm

Chair: The Reverend Canon Simon Everett

Reading and Opening Prayers: Mike Quinlan

1. Apologies for absence: Becky Green, Sue Bartholomew

SE asked whether the PCC Trustees were happy for the meeting to be recorded – All Agreed

2. PCC Minutes: 19th January 2022 – Minutes All Agreed and signed
PCC Minutes from 3rd November and the extra ordinary meeting 1st December

Matters Arising from minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda:

3. Administration and Correspondence:

- Email from Paul Harrison and Liz Day with regards to a New Proposal for the Parish Hall to be voted on at this meeting

The PCC proposes that a New Hall be built on the churchyard to the north side of Lady St Mary Church (subject to the various permissions being obtained and adequate funds being available) with the proviso that it would not sell the existing Parish Hall without knowing that the New Hall can be built.

The PCC Trustees were asked to vote on the above proposal

Proposed by Paul Harrison and Liz Day All Agreed

- Easter Egg Hunts in the Parish:
Sandford 9th April am
Northmoor 10th April pm
Dawn Service 6am Easter Day on the south side of Wareham Quay
PCC permission needed to cover these church events under the church insurance as instructed by Ecclesiastical Insurance Company – ***SC will do Risk Assessments for these events***
PCC Trustees All Agreed to the above church events.
- Sandford St Martins Church local agreement with Sandford St Martin's School for PCC approval (Stuart sent document to Debs prior to the meeting and this was emailed to the PCC prior to the meeting)
The PCC Trustees were asked whether they still agree with the proposed document which has no changes.
Proposed by Diane Beaumont and Seconded by Barbara Wells – All Agreed
- ***Prior to the meeting SE was in receipt of a letter from Di B with regards to the allocation of the Wareham Land Fund monies by the Wareham Land Fund Trustees. The St Martin-on-the-Walls congregational church committee were not happy with how the funds were allocated this year. SE apologised and informed Di B that next time the committee will be consulted before decisions are made. Di B thanked Simon for this suggestion and commented that it was a better solution than had been proposed historically i.e. an ex officio member from St Martin-on-the-Walls congregational church committee at trustee's meetings.***

4. Team Rector update:

- ***SE shared with the Trustees that a new curate will be coming to Wareham from Swanage to complete her training as the Team Vicar in Swanage is moving on and at present there is no***

replacement and therefore, they need a training incumbent. The Curate's name is Solveig Sonet she is French and will be joining the Wareham Team in April. Solveig has been living in the UK for a while, she lives in Swanage at present and will still be living in Swanage during her curacy here but will have a base for her to use here in Wareham.

CT asked whether we would need to pay for her? SE explained that the Diocese will cover her training costs, but the Parish of Wareham will need to meet any expenses incurred during her curacy in Wareham.

- SE reported to the Trustees that prayer times have been scheduled to pray for Ukraine in Lady St Mary church at 12 noon and 5pm daily except for Sundays, all are welcome to spend a moment to pray at these times even if they are unable to come to church. A candle is lit everyday in church for hope and light in the darkness of these present times. It has been decided not to put a collection plate at the back of church as the proceeds cannot be Gift Aided and people are encouraged to donate through a charity supporting the Ukrainians which can be Gift Aided, and the Government will provide match funding.

Di B suggested that an A4 notice should be displayed in church on how to give.

SE said that the church will be sponsoring Ukrainian refugees and that we will make ourselves available to other Christians supporting the refugees. Please do not forget that the Blessing Fund and the Wareham relief in need and sickness fund is available to help with some needs.

This will have financial implications as a church, but we will be able to signpost to the Wareham Foodbank and provide wrap around support to refugees and host families.

SE asked do you have any concerns with regards to this.

The Trustees all agreed that we should support this.

- The Lent courses are all going well but they are not easy to lead, but they do pick up on what is going on in the world today. The Lament course reminds us of what is going on in Ukraine and Life on the Breadline reminds us of the rising inflation, both courses are very pertinent to the times that we are in.
- Looking at Easter we will start with Passion readings in Lady St Mary church, Monday – Thursday at 9am during Holy Week. Maundy Thursday evening there will be a Holy Communion service in Church at 7pm. On Good Friday there will be a Walk of Witness starting at 11am at St Martin-on-the-Walls church and will end at the quay all the churches in Wareham will be joining in and this will be followed by Hot Cross Buns at Not Just Sundaes Café. There will also be a service in Lady St Mary church between 2pm and 3pm being the Final hour and the theme will be the Glory of the dying King a passion of St John's Gospel. On Easter Day there will be a Dawn service at 6am on the south side of Wareham Quay and there will be services in all the churches except SMOW when they will have their service on the following Wednesday.
- Preparations are being made for an outside service on Wareham Quay for the Queens Platinum Jubilee which will take place on Sunday 5th June, at 10am. Beryl Ezzard is currently filling in the necessary paperwork, which is needed, and SE has provided her with a Risk Assessment.
- SE said that we are still in need for volunteers for the AV/Sound System so that our operators are able to take time off, forthcoming events where cover was needed has now been covered by a volunteer.
SE asked if there were any questions?
- MQ informed the Trustees that it was decided this week the rear six pews of the north side of the nave, will be reserved for those who wish to socially distance. Masks will need to be worn if you sit in these pews, each alternative pews will be kept empty with kneelers placed on them.

5. Team Vicar update:

- SC informed the Trustees that a small youth group went to St Michael's church, Hamworthy to RESOUND which is a gathered youth event hosted by Dorset Youth for Christ in partnership with local churches on Friday 26th February, which they thoroughly enjoyed.
- HW's youth group are still meeting on Zoom and is all going well.

- *SC in the near future is hoping to set up an outreach youth drop in on Friday evenings at Sandford St Martin's church with games and Christian input. SC feels that this is the right time to start this and will be looking for a Team of people to help. It is to encourage young people to meet in a safe fun space and aimed to bridge the gap between the top end of young people from Sandford St Martin's primary school to the lower years of the secondary schools.*
- *SC would like to take a group of young people to a Camp in Devon this summer run by SPREE which is built up by members of Crusaders and SWIM. This will take place on the 24th/25th/26th June 2022.*
- *The Toddler groups are doing well, and the team have been encouraged by how well these groups are attended and seeing some new faces.*
- *As previously mentioned, the Easter Egg hunts are being set up in Sandford and Hauses Field and we hope that this will be a great outreach to the local families.*
- *SC talked about the Community Fridge project which has been set up through Co-op where surplus food is given away this has currently been set up at Sandford St Martin's school but a grant has been applied for and in the summer we hope to be able to host a fridge at Not Just Sundaes Café where food can be brought in and shared with others in the community. There will also be cookery books and equipment that can be used. Co-op have this week donated a cheque for £300 to help start up the project.*
- *Bishop Karen came to the services at Sandford on Sunday 6th March and gave positive feed back.*
- *We held a Marriage Preparation Day on Saturday 12th March for couples who are marrying in the Parish this year.*
- *Lent courses are running well.*
- *This years Mission Sunday will take place on Sunday 29th May 2022 and our guest mission this year will be A Rocha and there will be a guest speaker from Wimborne.*
- *As we will be celebrating the Queens Jubilee on Sunday 5th June, we will be holding a Pentecost Praise Service in Lady St Mary church.*
SC asked if there were any questions?
CT said that as a young person she started her Christian journey after attending a youth group in Sandford.

6. Curate update:

- *HW updated the Trustees on the Single Friendly Church. HW and SE had been to a seminar on the Single Friendly Church and explained the difficulties that some people face especially when moving to a new area it is hard to get over the threshold and break down barriers. "Single" can mean various people who are on their own, e.g., widowed, divorced, single or going to church without their spouse. We are currently looking at the Audit form which has been filled in and will be sent back for accreditation. In view of this we ask that you are looking out for new people, and we are looking for post service welcomers to accompany people to coffee after the Lady St Mary service on Sunday mornings. After Trinity starting the 12th June we will be starting a sermon series embracing culture change.*
- *SE said that our Welcome is strong, but people need to be made aware and look at ways we can accomplish; looking at ways we do our "peace," making sure that people feel included after church, babysitting, inviting single people to dinner parties as well as couples.*

7. Finance:

- *Treasurers Report and the signing off of the Parish Accounts 2021 –*
- *ML informed the Trustees of the projection and where we ended up at the end of the year. Mark talked through the Parish accounts (Appendix ii as attached) for 2021 and asked if there were any questions?*
DK asked prior to the meeting about the investment income Debs B emailed the answer below to all PCC Trustees.
Thank you for your enquiry with regards to the Investment figures on the SOFA (1st page of the accounts) and I will try to explain to the best of my abilities: Line S04 The investment total figure of £31380 this is the income from the interest received on the investments that we hold on the CBF

Funds and the Tesco shares, which is built up from the General Fund, Designated Funds, and Restricted funds.

Line S14 The investment net gains/losses total figure of £21082 is built up by the revaluation of the price of each share at the year end – the number of shares multiplied by the price of each share, which is built up from the General Fund, Endowment Funds and Restricted funds. This figure has to be shown on the accounts, but it is only a notional figure and only reflects the gain on the share price since 2015. This figure would be the gain if you sold all the shares on the open market at that time. Please remember that the share prices can go up or down. So, to answer your question we have made £31380 on investments from the interest during the year as we would only gain the revaluation price if we sold the shares.

MQ queried that the column on last years accounts for the planned giving was a lot higher than this year. Debs B explained that the form from the Charities Commission had been slightly tweaked and that we now had to show the planned giving and gift aid separately when these are added together the figure is in line with last years.

SE then asked the Trustees were happy to adopt the Parish Accounts for 2021

Proposed by Canon Simon Everett Seconded by Mike Quinlan – All Agreed

SE thanked David Cracknell, Mark Lapper and Debs Barclay for preparing and examining the Parish Accounts.

- Finance Committee minutes sent out prior to meeting
Following the Finance Committee minutes the Trustees were asked to approve the Pay rise for the paid staff, Debs B left the room whilst a discussion took place and then returned. All Agreed that the pay rises should be granted. The Trustees were given a copy of the new proposed increased rates for the Parish Hall hirers after some discussion these were approved – All Agreed.

8. Safeguarding:

- Safeguarding courses are now online
- New members to do CO if they have no safeguarding training
Debs B was asked to contact the individuals directly who still needed to do Safeguarding training.
- **No Safeguarding issues reported at this time.**

9. Fabric Update:

- Report from Fabric Officer to the PCC Secretary for distribution to the PCC prior to the meeting.
Report dated 23rd March – Appendix (iii) as attached.

Mike Quinlan talked about the fabric report and highlighted the need to spend £6235.00 for a Feasibility Assessment and Design of Scheme to Tender stage for the new heating, lighting, and flooring at St Martin-on-the-Walls.

Proposed by Di Beaumont Seconded by Hilary Goodinge voting 1 against the rest all agreed.

MQ asked for permission to buy a silver-plated communion set for St Nicholas Church, Arne as the silver one is too valuable to be left in church and it is difficult to keep commuting it backwards and forwards to Lady St Mary church. It was queried why are we holding it if we are not using it? MQ said that we would need a faculty to sell the silver and it would be hard to do this if it has been given as a gift. MQ said that the cost to buy would be no more than £1000 and expected it to be a lot less. CT said that she had a home communion set that she would donate, it was queried whether this would be large enough, MQ will check this out.

Proposed by Simon Lathwell Seconded by Helen Williams voting 2 against, 1 abstention, the rest all agreed.

SE asked if there were any questions? LD thanked MQ for the report and the explicit Fabric schedule submitted with it.

9. Parish Hall

- *Item covered elsewhere*

10. Committees

- To include any matters arising from the last PCC minutes dated 19th January 2022

*Congregational Church Committee updates to be emailed to the PCC Secretary for distribution to the PCC prior to the meeting

- Church Committees
- Children and Youth committee
- Mission committee
- Standing committee
- Environmental updates
- LSM re-ordering and new Parish Hall

MQ commented that the LSM inventory needed a complete overall it is difficult to see what is intact and present. There was a query over the wooden lectern with triangular legs and whether the Wareham Choral Society had borrowed this. MQ to ask.

11. Churchwarden's update: To be emailed prior to meeting

- Churchwardens report to be sent out prior to the meeting – **Appendix (iv) – All accepted no questions**

12. Deanery Update:

- **Deanery to meet in the Parish Hall Wednesday 30th March 2022.**

13. Schools Update:

- Report from Sandford St Martin's CE VA Primary School (Stuart Cocksedge)
- Report from Stoborough CE VA Primary School (Canon Simon Everett)
- Report from Wareham St Mary Primary School
- Foundation Governors required

Covid has been reported in many schools, clergy are now back in school taking Collective Worship. Foundation Governors required at Stoborough and Sandford. Wareham St Mary have just been inspected by SIAMS and are awaiting the outcome.

14. A.O.B.

There are vacancies up for renewal at the APCM.

Vacancies as of April 2022; 1 Representative for the PCC from Lady St Mary church (Carol Turner to come off)

2 Representatives for the PCC from Sandford St Martin's church (David Kimble to come off, there is also a vacant space not filled)

1 Representative for the PCC from St Martin on the Walls (Di Beaumont to come off)

CT said that arrangements have been made for the Queens Platinum Jubilee Street Party at Howards Lane Car Park which will be closed to traffic – people are encouraged to bring their own picnics but that there would be food outlets available outside the Masonic Hall or the Duke of Wellington Pub as well. This will take place on Thursday 2nd June 2022 at 12 noon.

Almighty God, we thank you that you have called us to be your body here on earth, worshipping you and working for your kingdom. Fill us with your Spirit, so that we might love you, love one another

and love our neighbours, and share the good news of Jesus. Help us as the PCC to order the life of Wareham around your mission and ministry, to the glory of your name. Amen

Meeting closed at 9.30pm

Next meeting:

APCM on Wednesday 27th April 2022

Signed.....Chairdate