

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GOSFORTH

'The Community of All Saints': living, thoughtful, caring faith'

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 10th May 2021 at 7.30 PM
In the Church

PRESENT: Revd. Canon Andrew Shipton (chair), Revd Bev Davies, Paul Wilkinson, Christine Willoughby, Ros Place, Pam Taylor, Felicity Shoesmith, Diana Lavin, Karen Parkhouse, Fred Carr, Margaret Patterson, Marian Cave, Diane Kirkup, Revd. Ruth Birnie, Peter Brown, Katie Hogg, Lesley Ogilvie, Alison Wilson, Kath Davies, Edith Davison, Nick Glover (secretary).

2021-04-01 Opening Prayer and Welcome: Welcome and opening prayer by Andrew.

2021-04-02 Apologies for Absence: Apologies were received from Ethel Randall, Claudia Newbegin, Dorothy Henderson. .

2021-04-03 Minutes of the Meetings, 2nd March and 28th March
Approval of both sets of minutes unanimously approved.

Matters Arising:

2 March: Item 02.04: Reported that an order has been placed with Blaydon Communications.

Total cost: £7652. Contributions from congregation: £4085

Grant received £3350

Item 02.07: Noted that both Louise and Jamie have now returned to work.

MAIN ITEMS

2021-04-04 Elections and Co-options to the PCC

- i) Vice Chair: one nomination, Peter Brown, proposed Christine Willoughby, seconded Fred Carr
Unanimously accepted.
- ii) Secretary: one nomination, Nick Glover, proposed Peter Brown, seconded Kath Davies.
This will be a co-option, unanimously accepted.
- iii) Treasurer: one nomination, Fred Carr, proposed Paul Wilkinson, seconded Margaret Patterson.
A co-option. Unanimously accepted.
- iv) Safeguarding Officer: one nomination, Kath Davies, proposed Diane Kirkup, seconded Katie Hogg.
A co-option. unanimously accepted
- v) Standing Committee Reps: Diana Lavin and Katie Hogg, proposed Ros Place, seconded Paul Wilkinson, both unanimously accepted.
- vi) Other nominees for the PCC: places available about no nominations.

2021-04-05 PCC Organisation

- i) Draft of Meeting dates; the proposed dates, as circulated, were approved.
- ii) List of PCC sub-committees
Andrew emphasised his hope that all members of the PCC should be a member of at least one sub-committee and briefly described current membership and meeting schedules.
Youth Committee, chaired by Bev Davies.
Outreach and Communications, chaired by Paul Christian.
Fabric, chaired by Peter Brown.
Mission and Justice, previously chaired by Chris Matthews, now unable to continue. Tribute paid to his work and a successor for chair was being sought.

2021-04-06 Review of Lent, Holy Week and Easter

A successful programme of services had been completed. Palm Sunday service was inside the building; a series of reflections had been delivered during Holy Week; there had been a good family turnout on Good Friday and the bookings system for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday had worked well.

Andrew emphasised how he would welcome comments on the programme, from all members of the congregation.

2021-04-07 St Hugh's, an Update

Beverley reported on progress being made; a toddler group and ballet class have restarted and the AGM has taken place. The desire for regular Sunday services had been expressed although this poses practical problems for clergy presence.

A social community event is also being planned in July.

It is good that groups are returning to use the facilities and others have shown interest.

Efforts being made with local businesses, as well as local residents, to get them involved in some way with the life of the Church.

- 2021-04-08 Generous Giving**
 Peter Brown reported on a Diocesan initiative to run a Generous Giving week in the autumn; he wondered if we could develop our own campaign from that.
 Fred Carr reported on how important Planned Giving is for us; it contributed about 64% of income in 2020, up from 55% in 2019. He emphasised how important it is for us to plan a programme of development and made a plea for all members of the PCC to be part of the Planned Giving scheme.
- 2021-04-09 Road Map for 2021 and Priorities**
 Andrew reported on a full programme gradually being reinstated, and Little Saints and Parish breakfasts are being restarted.
 Social event "On the Green" planned for 27th June – range of activities, picnic and games.
 17th May, groups returning to the Centre, and the caretaker returns from furlough in June.
- He emphasised how we must adapt to a "new normal". We must be flexible and creative in our approach and be ready to enter into dialogue with local people and not expect to be simply presenting an answer.
 Drawing back young people and children will be a particular challenge, but all important. We must strive to overcome the natural concerns that many families will have.
- 2021-04-10 Parish Environment Champion**
 A Diocesan initiative but an important one in the Christian context.
 Secretary suggested that he would put a small article plus the role description into "Keeping In Touch".
- 2021-04-11 Shakespeare on the Green**
 Ros Place reminded us of the plans for this from 2020. The Handlebards have contacted her again and she has made a tentative agreement that they should try again on 10 August this year.
 She outlined the contract and finance details which seemed to be fair to both parties, for one performance. Agreed that this would be better held in the early evening.
 12 voted to ask Ros to proceed with arrangements, 2 abstentions, nil against.

STANDING ITEMS

- 2021-04-12 Finance** Fred had no more to add.
- 2021-04-13 Fabric**
 Paul Wilkinson outlined the ongoing programme of masonry repairs and groundworks in particular. He moved on to a full programme of joinery repairs; this has been placed with Dawson Joinery, reflecting our faith in the quality of their work.
 He itemised various projects, and the Dawson estimate came to £2700 +VAT. Fred Carr proposed, Peter Brown seconded that we should proceed with this work on that basis; unanimously agreed.
- 2021-04-14 Update Reports**
 i) Standing Committee; No meeting has taken place
 ii) Safeguarding and Access: Safeguarding is being audited at the national church level so as to ensure a consistent "dashboard" for working.
 iii) Health and Safety: Thanks recorded to Charlie Musset for his ongoing hard work on our behalf.
 iv) Deanery Synod: Diane Kirkup reported on a recent meeting at which Parish share, Mission Action plans and the agenda for outreach work had been discussed. Details of the Synod presentation to be circulated to PCC members.
- 2021-04-15 Administrative Business**
 i) Correspondence; Letter received from Elizabeth Crawford raising the issue again of the need for a dishwasher in the Centre kitchen. Matter to be dealt with by the Fabric Committee.
 Letter received from Peter Mitchell concerning live streaming of services and the proposals from Blaydon Communications. Discussion followed in which our debt of gratitude to Peter for his hard work was again emphasised. Feeling expressed that we need to get away from a reliance on the work of one person and move on, under the guidance of an experienced company who will respond to our needs.
 ii) Alterations to the Electoral Roll: no applications received.
 iii) Late Items: no issues raised.
 iv) Date of Next Meeting: Monday 12th July at 7.30, Venue to be confirmed.
- 2021-04-16 Closing Prayer**
 Andrew closed the meeting with the Grace.