

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GOSFORTH

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

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Held on Tuesday 8th September 2020 at 7.30 PM
On Zoom

PRESENT: Revd. Canon Andrew Shipton (chair), Revd Bev Davies, Paul Wilkinson, Ros Place, Peter Brown, Pam Taylor, Felicity Shoosmith, Alison Proudfoot, Katie Hogg, Diana Lavin, Dorothy Henderson, Kath Davies, Karen Parkhouse, Karoline Wellborne, Claudia Newbegin, Fred Carr, Nick Glover (secretary).

2020-04-01 **Opening Prayer and Welcome:** Welcome and opening prayer by Andrew.

2020-04-02 **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Lesley Ogilvie, Christine Willoughby, Revd. Ruth Birnie, Ethel Randall, Nicky White, Chris Jenkins, Diane Kirkup.

2020-04-03 **Minutes of the Meeting, 27th July.**

Item 2020-03-04: "Home visits" corrected to "phone calls".
These were then approved and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising:

Item 03: due to current circumstances, it has still not been viable to pursue enquiries about a dishwasher, but it will be returned to,

MAIN ITEMS

2020-04-04 **Planning for the Future**

Andrew discussed his view of the coming 6 to 12 months, 12 months on from the end of his sabbatical. Progress has inevitably been stalled in recent months; we now need a renewed vision to deal with the big issues one of which he sees as the growing gap between the Church and the wider world. He asked how are we to connect with the people "out there" – this has to be seen as our greatest challenge.

We have been trying hard, and with some success with our You Tube videos and live streamed services. Developing good communications is critical especially as we try to relate to young people. We must therefore look at new ways of interacting. Streamed services will need to be developed. These all can be ways of displaying our faith and reaching out to more people. The future is uncertain and we must be prepared to take risks.

Andrew's words were received with enthusiasm and it was agreed that they should be circulated more widely to the congregation.

Kath Davies commented that our efforts as above can also spread the word more widely and achieve progress that we may never actually become aware of.

2020-04-05 **Programme for September to December**

Andrew listed a number of events and services that are scheduled for the coming few months. He mentioned the arrival of Jamie Donaldson.

Notable was the planned resumption of groups in the Centre including uniformed organisations.
. Plans going ahead for a children's service on the 20th September and Harvest on Sunday 4th October which will be Morning Prayer service, with music.

Bev Davies' ordination and first communion on 10th/11th October
18th October – proposed date for APCM.

Plans proceeding for a programme of short carol services over the week before Christmas due to the limits of congregational size in church.

Help will be provided at St Mary's, Fawdon in November and December by the clergy team.

Plans for a "mobile Christmas Fayre" are in hand.

2020-04-06 **Live Streaming of Services**

Agreed at the last PCC that plans should proceed, so on 21st September Phase 1 will be a wi-fi facility fitted into Church provided by Virgin Media.

Phase 2 will be camera(s) fitted into Church.

Thanks were noted to Peter Mitchell for all his work to date.

Ros Place proposed, Katie Hogg seconded that these plans should be proceeded with; this was agreed, 16 in favour, 1 against.

2020-04-07 The Budget Review

Fred Carr spoke to his Budget projection paper, circulated.
Most noticeable was the projected £8.9k surplus, but noted that this must be seen in the context of the figures for the different funds listed.
Also noted that there may be additional costs for the underwriting of charitable donations.

2020-04-08 Annual Meetings on 18th October

These are planned for Sunday 18th October, after the morning service at 11am, in the hope of ensuring a good number of attendees.
The Secretary listed the number of vacancies that will be available.

2020-04-09 St Hugh's – an Update

There is a programme of services planned, with a maximum congregation size of 15.
Some groups are returning to use the facilities.
Thanks recorded to Stuart Henderson, for all his help with the finances and especially his help in obtaining a council grant.
Noted that it is currently possible to pay the parish share but this is not sustainable long term.
Concluded that a lot of progress had been made by March, but now we are having to start again, almost from scratch.

STANDING ITEMS

2020-04-10 Finance

In addition to Item 7, Fred recorded that he is having to make some enquiries about the working of the GoodBox portal.

2020-04-11 Fabric

Paul reported that the window repair had now been satisfactorily completed.
Various other minor repairs have been completed.

2020-04-12 Update Reports

i) Standing Committee

Notes from the recent meeting circulated, no points raised.

ii) Safeguarding and Access

Nothing to report, with a committee meeting upcoming.

iii) Health and Safety

Noted that risk assessments are being maintained and updated including the use of the Centre by groups.

iv) Deanery Synod

No meetings have taken place.

2020-04-13 Administrative Business

i) Correspondence None

ii) Alterations to the Electoral Roll None

iii) Late Items Nothing raised

iv) Date of Next Meeting This will be the APCM on 18th October

2020-04-14 Closing Prayer

Andrew closed the meeting with a prayer and the Grace.