

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, GOSFORTH

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

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Held on Monday 27th July 2020 at 7.30 PM
On Zoom

PRESENT: Revd. Canon Andrew Shipton (chair), Revd Bev Davies, Paul Wilkinson, Ros Place, Peter Brown, Pam Taylor, Christine Willoughby, Diane Kirkup, Felicity Shoosmith, Alison Proudfoot, Katie Hogg, Diana Lavin, Revd. Ruth Birnie, Dorothy Henderson, Kath Davies, Karen Parkhouse, Karoline Wellborne, Nicky White, Nick Glover (secretary).
Isaac Wilkinson, present as an observer.

2020-03-01 **Opening Prayer and Welcome:** Welcome and opening prayer by Andrew.

2020-03-02 **Apologies for Absence:** Apologies were received from Lesley Ogilvie, Claudia Newbegin, Fred Carr, Ethel Randall.

2020-03-03 **Minutes of the Meeting, 3rd March**
These were approved and signed as a correct record.

Matters Arising

Item 3: noted that the GoodBox Plate is now available for use. Also that the Day Conference had had to be cancelled.

Item 5: Youth Worker – Jamie Donaldson has been appointed and should start work in September.

Item 6: it is hoped that the Superstar production will take place next year.

Item 7: noted that the revised date for the APCM is currently 18th October.

Item 8: the 2 job reviews had taken place; further action remains on hold.

Item 13i): the new DBS system is now in use.

Item 14i): enquiries regarding a dish washer will have to be renewed when practical.

MAIN ITEMS

2020-03-04 **Brief Review of Church Life over the Last 3 Months**

You Tube, and other media, have proved to be a useful and effective system enabling members of the congregation to access services over recent weeks. Andrew noted the hard work from Bev Davies and Diana Lavin in putting these services together. Also Peter Mitchell's contribution.

Pastoral work has continued with many necessary home visits being made.

Citizens UK has been an inspiration.

Zoom has been a valuable platform for various social events.

Access to the Church, for the clergy in the first instance, in June and July has enabled a gradual, carefully planned opening up.

It has become clear that our online presence has been appreciated.

The Secretary noted the hard work of all the clergy in difficult circumstances to general agreement.

2020-03-05 **The Risk Assessments of the Church and Centre**

Noted that a Risk Assessment for Eucharist has now been added to the standing document.

The Centre remains the biggest issue to be dealt with; various outside groups want to return to use it but there must be clear procedures set down that they must follow.

The very valuable contribution from Charlie Mussett to this process was noted and appreciated.

2020-03-06 **Live Streaming of Services**

Discussion about how we should seriously consider investment in a system which should "future proof" us enabling access to services for a greater range of people.

Ros Place reported on her enquiries and how such a system can improve access and build on the numbers already using online access.

She noted how it could also be useful for concerts and social events.

Pam Taylor reported her appreciation of the current online availability and felt it should continue.

Katie Hogg commented on other online methods that are available, eg. a telephone app.

Costs may vary considerably, depending on the spec. £5K would be a realistic figure, potentially rising to as much as £12K.

Diana Lavin proposed, Dorothy Henderson seconded that we agree to give the go-ahead to an urgent investigation of a possible system. This was agreed by a majority.

Felicity Shoemsmith suggested that, if we proceed, we should consider an appeal to the congregation to help cover costs. This was agreed.

2020-03-07 Giving to Charities

Fred Carr had left the question about how we deal with the principle of our charity donations from the last 3 months.

It was questioned what the giving levels had been in that time and it was pointed out that a lot of people were not clear about how they might proceed.

It was pointed out that the Church was not in deficit and that it was important that the Church should be seen to be supporting our chosen charities.

Peter Brown proposed, Karoline Welborne seconded that we should continue with the principles as they stand at present. There was a majority in favour of this .

2020-03-08 Proposals for August Services

To date, 2 Morning Prayer services have taken place and a 6pm Holy Communion is planned for Saturday 1st August.

Morning Prayer services will continue; on the 9th there will also be an informal service at 10.30 to mark Isaac's departure and to introduce Jamie Donaldson, as the new Youth Worker.

Isaac emphasised that he was hoping to get children and families involved in the service.

It is hoped to reintroduce the 8am service soon.

It was emphasised that we must be open to new ideas throughout the process of readjustment.

2020-03-09 St Hugh's – an Update

Lockdown has inevitably stopped any progress that was being made at St Hugh's.

Efforts have been made to keep in touch with the vulnerable members of the congregation, in a difficult time for them all. Efforts will also be needed to re-establish contacts with families.

It was noted that the priest-in-charge at St Marys, Fawdon would soon be moving on and that this could have implications for All Saints'.

STANDING ITEMS

2020-03-10 Finance

Fred submitted a brief report indicating that the financial situation at the end of June is about level. It has not been possible to make any progress with a funding campaign, but agreed some action will need to be taken.

2020-03-11 Fabric

Paul reported on paving and joinery work that is to be done.

The stained glass window repair is inadequate and is to be redone.

The curtain poles on each door into the Church need replacing. Paul proposed, Peter Brown seconded that we agree to this work proceeding. Unanimously agreed.

The west end bollard lights both have to be repaired, vandalism damage. This work to go ahead.

2020-03-12 Update Reports

i) Standing Committee

Confirmed that a music risk assessment is to be completed.

Andrew indicated our very best wishes to Isaac as he moves on, and explained briefly about the future role of Jamie Donaldson, the new youth worker.

ii) Safeguarding and Access

Kath Davies confirmed that the new DBS system is now operating, oversight of the Safeguarding Committee.

iii) Health and Safety

Covered in references to the Risk Assessments.

iv) Deanery Synod

Nothing to be reported

2020-03-13 Administrative Business

i) Correspondence None

ii) Alterations to the Electoral Roll No applications received

iii) Late Items

Questions raised about arrangements for Mother's Union meetings: to be clarified

Confirmed that Louise Waugh will return to work in late August.

iv) Date of Next Meeting

Date of Tuesday 8th September agreed, at 7.30pm likely to be Zoom.

2020-03-14

Closing Prayer

Andrew closed the meeting with a prayer.