

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF OTLEY

Minutes of Parochial Church Council Meeting held on Monday 16th October 2023

- 1. Present:** Allan Boddy, Rosemary Ellen, Tony Pike, Kevin Keefe, John Simkin, Reverend Aaron Kennedy, Reverend Stewart Hartley, Jackie Hird, Martin Hird, Maggie Lolashvili, Norman Barr, Amie Smith, Jenny Liston, Ken Dale, Eric Cairns, Glynis Milner, Barry Milner

Apologies: Tom Raper

Opening prayers by Jackie

2. Safeguarding

Jenny commented on the status of the Safeguarding Dashboard and the Safeguarding Handbook (see Jenny's e mail of October 10th)

The issue of children appearing on the live stream has been raised and discussed with the Diocese.

Leading Your Church Into Growth

Aaron led the first session of this course, PCC were asked to identify where we are now and where we want to be in a few years time.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on September 11th 2023

There was one minor amendment, the third line of Paragraph 7.5 should have read: 'These are at rates of about **half** of last year's level.'

With this amendment the minutes were approved, proposed by Kevin, seconded by John, proposed unanimously.

4. Matters arising not on the agenda

4.1 Local to Global - Stewart is to circulate a flyer on 29th October, asking for interest in a new steering group and bids from appropriate charities. We plan to reinstate the Curry Evenings at the Red Pepper

4.2 Candle Stand – available in the south east corner of the church, near the pulpit.

5. Events

5.1 Soup lunch was held on 15th October, very well received.

5.2 Welcome event for newcomers scheduled for November 19th, details to follow.

5.3 PCC away day scheduled for January 13th.

5.4 Alpha Course – going well, 12 – 14 attendees

5.5 Church Weekend Away – flyer distributed, bookings starting to come in.

6. Finance

6.1 Barclays account – Barclays are now asking for ‘proof of existence’ Tony continues to field their requests.

6.2 E mail from All Saints, Chedgrave (Norwich Diocese)

Following a show of hands, PCC agreed 12 votes to 5 to contribute £50 to their appeal.

7. Properties

7.1 Bell Tower – quotes have been received on the various works required on the Bell Tower. PCC agreed to the works in principle, Properties Team to work on the detail.

Proposed by John, seconded by Rosemary, passed unanimously.

7.2 Pruning of churchyard trees.

PCC agreed to commission an expert report on the state of the churchyard trees (DAC have provided a list of appropriate experts) Proposed by John, seconded by Eric, passed unanimously.

7.3 Church roof – Further to Stewart’s e mail it was agreed that the repair of the roof needed to be a priority project. This needs to be linked to the work of the Carbon Zero group, they are to present a report in time for the next PCC meeting.

8. Youth and Children’s Ministry

8.1 Sunday Club – continues to develop positively.

8.2 Youth Group – further developments are in the pipeline.

8.3 All Saints School – New headteacher has been appointed, starts in January.

There are vacancies for two Foundation Governors. Pam Beck and Margaret Shippey are willing to continue. Their appointment was proposed by Martin, seconded by Norman, passed unanimously.

9. Reports and correspondence received.

9.1 Pastoral Care document ‘This is how we doPastoral Care’ had been circulated by Jackie and was well received by PCC.

Tony raised the issue of having church e mail addresses as opposed to using private e mail. This can be arranged by Kevin and is considered to be best practice.

10. Community / Churches Together

Churches together AGM to be held on 17th October.

Open House will register again as a Welcoming Space with Leeds City Council through the winter period.

11. No urgent business.

12. Prayers at next meeting: Eric

Date of next meeting:

November 27th 2023

Closing prayers: Jackie

Agreed as a true record at November 2023 meeting:

Proposed:

Seconded:

Signed:

Reverend Aaron Kennedy