

PARISH OF GREAT BERKHAMSTED

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council to be held in The Court House on Tuesday 20th June at 8pm

Present: Julian Dawson, Christopher Green, Richard Currie, Carole Dell, Lex Bradley, Fr Tim, Mark Grego, Richard Hackworth, Alan Conway, Tim Hennessey, Pru Murray, Fr Simon, Astrid Biddle, John Gerry, Alison McMunn, Carolynne Sharman, Hilary Elliott, David Northcott

AGENDA

- 1. Prayers
- 2. Apologies: Penny Abbott, Penny Fray
- 3. Notification of matters for consideration under Any Other Business
- 4. Approval of Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 9th May 2017. Minutes approved and signed by Fr Tim.
- 5. Matters Arising All Saints Joint Council Rep. Alison McMunn agreed to take on this vacant position.
- 6. Standing Committee Reports Discussions under Buildings Committee.
- 7. Committee/Group Reports
 - **Finance Committee:** No questions arose from Richard's financial report. The PCC approved a resolution to underwrite Heritage Lottery Funding for the Rectory Lane Cemetery project. Proposed by Alan Conway, seconded by Richard Hackworth. The surplus on the general fund is declining and the PCC will run on a deficit this year due to calls from the building fund. Therefore, it would be prudent to run a stewardship campaign now to boost the general fund over the next 12 months. Tim H queried whether a certain amount of any stewardship campaign should be used to boost the building fund. The general feeling is that people are in favour of a stewardship campaign.
 - Buildings Committee: The PCC resolved to apply for a faculty to allow the work on the clockfaces to take place. This was proposed by Christopher Green and seconded by Tim Hennessey. There is much work going on in the children's corner, possibly including carpeting, repainting and enclosing, The PCC resolved to approve the ongoing work to improve the children's area. This was proposed by Christopher Green and seconded by Carole Dell. The PCC agreed that the partition doors in the Court House long room should be removed. The PCC also agreed to remove the Court House gas cooker and replace with an electric model. The PCC approved work to replace the bath in the Court House Cottage with a shower cabinet to prevent the ceiling leakages in the Court House toilets. The courthouse fire alarm has been looked at, a quote for a system to be installed is £4,785, this was approved by the PCC. The sketch designs for the St Catherines chapel could go to the DAC July meeting, Standing Committee will ok these sketches, and then the final decision will come back to the PCC. There will be no proposals to install a carpark barrier at this time. There will hopefully be some quotes for the October meeting with regards to the flat roof on the Courthouse.
 - Your Berkhamsted: Some assistance is needed for the editor to ensure the continuing viability
 of the magazine. Suggestions of people would be gratefully accepted.
- 8. Dates of Future Meetings Formal notification

2017
17th October
28th November
2018
27th February
22nd April APCM
8th May
19th June
16th October
2019
26th February

- 9. **Petertide Tea:** On Sunday 25th June. There are a few gaps on rotas still, so any more people who can spare an hour would be very welcome. Pru feels as though she is running out of steam to spearhead the fair committee, and this really needs to be absorbed into an outreach committee to take on this and other events throughout the year. This will go on the October agenda, as Outreach. PCC members to be prepared to discuss this.
- 10. **Communications Officer:** Nothing to report.
- 11. **School Governor:** Paul Jullien was unanimously approved by the PCC to continue his role as Thomas Coram school governor.
- 12. **Vision Day Groups:** The next stage of the Welcome group is to recruit people to the various different welcome roles. There will be a new welcome pack soon, once it has been approved by the rector. There will be a FAQ section on the website. The new 4pm service time for TSS is working well and means there is now a solid congregation there.
- 13. **Diocesan & Deanery Synod Meetings**: At the recent Diocesan Synod meeting fresh expressions of church was discussed.
- 14. **Safeguarding:** HE was still hoping to plan a local training event. Those completing the course online are to inform her on completion. The notices of policies are ready to be laminated and put up.
- 15. Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 17th October at 8pm in The Court House
- 16. Any Other Business: It was confirmed as Penny Fray would be stepping down as her lay preacher training would clash with PCC meetings.
- 17. The Grace