



PARISH OF GREAT BERKHAMSTED

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council to be held in The Court House
on Tuesday 27th February at 8pm

Present: Julian Dawson, Astrid Biddle, Time Hennessey, Carolyn Charman, Carole Dell, Fr Simon, Penny Abbott, Alison McMunn, David Northcott, Alan Conway, Richard Currie, John Gerry, Richard Hackworth, Pru Murray, Lex Bradley (minutes), Fr Tim (Chair), Mark Grego

A G E N D A

1. Prayers
2. Apologies: None
3. Notification of matters for consideration under Any Other Business: Governors, Mothering Sunday flowers
4. Approval of Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 28th November 2017: Minutes approved and signed by Fr Tim.
5. Matters Arising: None
6. Standing Committee Reports – Revised PCC General Fund: Richard presented a draft plan to the PCC in 2017, the standing committee agreed the final copy.
7. Committee/Group Reports
 - Finance Committee: Annual Report: Richard circulated the annual report prior to the meeting. The rector raised regarding the issue of stewardship, there will be a small note put out with details of how to contact Richard and Miles so that there is a better picture of planned giving before the APCM.
 - Buildings Committee: As per the buildings report circulated by Christopher Green, 4 items of significant progress in projects (lighting, St Catherine chapel, Children's area, CCTV). Rectory Lane is in the process of receiving their HLF grant and contractors are being employed.
The St Catherine Chapel work was agreed by the PCC in March 2016. The funding from this will be mostly met by legacy fund. But there are also major works needed on the Courthouse - it is thought that the funding of this should come from an appeal. The question that the PCC must address is whether we are happy to prioritise the reordering of the St Catherine's chapel. The point was made that we need to be very clear about where the money comes from for the St Catherine Chapel, before we then make any appeals for the Court House and stewardship campaigns so that people don't "begrudge" the work in St Catherine's. The suggestion is that a paper could be compiled with some information about this for the congregation to read. The current thought is that work could happen during the summer.
Fr Tim proposed that we accept the proposal of a project cost of £54,530, and this was agreed
 - Pastoral Group: The group has met, but nothing to report.

- Courthouse Group: The group has met and agreed not to alter the hire costs. The new oven has arrived.
- Your Berkhamsted: This magazine is for both the congregation as well as the community. The magazine has been running for 144 years. It is “crunch time” for YB. Is the purpose to simply make money or as an outreach vehicle? Is an analogue magazine still marketable or is something more digital more appropriate? The YB committee sought some guidance from the PCC on these matters. However the priority is to seek help to support the editor. If no one is found within three months, then proposals would be made to take account of the situation.
- Cowper Society: Many events have been hosted since the last meeting.

- 8/9. Outreach & Communications Officer: Pru and Hilary Armstrong have been discussing a Petertide fair this year, and lots of people have stepped up to volunteer for key roles. Fr Tim thinks it is important in light of the demise of the Lions Fete. The event is considered viable this year because external stalls would be charged for pitches.
10. Vision Day: The new pew welcomers had a meeting. The children’s area is progressing. Coffee in the Courthouse and the new version of Sunday school are thriving.
11. Town Chaplaincy Project: Nothing much to report. There is still not enough flesh on the bones to move forward with this.
12. Charity of the Year: There was some discussion about whether the Courthouse could be included in the list of home charities to be voted upon by the congregation. This was put to the vote, and the PCC agreed to include it.
13. Mission Action Plan: Fr Simon circulated a document, outlining and reinforcing the decisions of the vision day, highlighting our aims of welcome, children and the community. This document is not exhaustive, but will be amended and then will be presented to the APCM.
14. GDPR Update: The law changes in May. Richard is ensuring that we are compliant.
15. Berkhamsted Team Council: The PCC agreed that the document circulated with agenda should go to the APCM for formal approval. Richard Hackworth proposed and Christopher Green seconded.
16. Diocesan & Deanery Synod Meetings: Next Deanery Synod meeting is the following week.
17. Safeguarding update: Hilary was not present so no update possible.
18. Date of Next Meeting – **APCM 22nd April; Tuesday 8th May at 8pm in the Court House**
19. Any Other Business: Approval of school governors: Jenny Jenkins, Esme Dowling, Michelle Carnegie, Louisa Clarke and Vicky Harris Were approved as foundation

governors for the new Thomas Coram and Victoria federation. Mothering Sunday flowers: Lex agreed to organise some volunteers to prepare these.

20. The meeting concluded with prayers at 9.30

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