



PARISH OF GREAT BERKHAMSTED

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in the Court House Tuesday 21st June at 8pm
Attending: Julian Dawson, Mark Grego, Richard Hackworth, Stuart Owen, Tim Hennessey, Alan Conway, Astrid Biddle, Christine Cowie, Caroline, Peter Matthews, Susan Holmes, Chris Chatterton, Sarah Elder

Minutes

1. Prayers
2. Apologies Christopher Green, David Cook, Hilary Elliott, Oliver Fradgely,
3. Notification of matters for consideration under Any Other Business
 - Receiving communion at altar rail rather than step
4. Approval of Minutes of the PCC Meetings held on 11th and 24th May 2022. APPROVED.
5. Matters Arising
 - Diocesan Advisory Committee want to make a site visit to see proposed site for the ponds in the Rectory Lane Cemetery
 - Elizabeth has resigned as office administrator. Robin McMorran is taking on the role and is starting 15th July shadowing Elizabeth.
6. Standing Committee Reports – hasn't met.
7. Committee/Group Reports
 - Finance RH
 - Tenants at All Saints House want to quit early Sept as they're finding cost an issue. RH to talk to Ashtons about re-letting.
 - RH raising question regarding using All Saints House for refugee family. Potentially no loss suffered as it is being rented for £2000 (£1700 when minus letting cost).
 - It was felt it was better to let on the commercial market.
 - We now have a new card reader
 - Buildings Committee
 - MG has made spreadsheet with all projects (current and to be actioned) but is waiting for estimates for reroofing which will inform fundraising.
 - TH – approval that Dacorum are happy to use CH Cottage. Aim to sign short term tenancy contract on 29th June.
 - Draft contract been circulated to standing committee – APPROVED.
 - One year contract but if Council want it to be fixed three year then we are content with that.
 - Contract says rent is tied to council 3 bed room rental rate. Council also notified Home Office – proposed move date 4th July. Council normally furnish but they are checking if family would prefer vouchers. Family will pay rent but the Refugee Council will provide

support. If there are things the family want which aren't provided then congregation will be notified.

- Pastoral Committee CC
 - Everything going smoothly. No action needed.

8. **800th Anniversary**

- £2000+ raised so far.
- Thrust of 800th has been celebrating church and St Peters, building networks and community. Money raising as a secondary.
- Chairman of fundraising committee from Cathedral is going to talk to us about raising money
- Friday 28th October will be a Parish Dinner in Berkhamsted School

9. **Safeguarding A reminder to carry out your safeguarding courses. People to contact Hilary if guidance is needed.**

10. **Future Meetings**

18th October

15th November

2023

28th February

23rd April APCM

9th May

13th June

17th October

21st November

2024

27th February

11. **Date of Next Meeting – 18th October** September meeting cancelled since Bishop is no longer visiting.

12. **Any Other Business**

- Returning to administering Communion at Altar rail
 - SO – A proposal will be made to the congregation suggesting a change back to the altar rail to be made at beginning of Summer Holidays.

13. **The Grace**