

#### PARISH OF GREAT BERKHAMSTED

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in the Court House Tuesday 15th November at 8pm

Attending: Julian Dawson, Mark Grego, Caroline Charman, Christine Cowie, Richard Hackworth, Sarah Elder, Chris Catterton, Christopher Green, Peter Matthews, Susan Holmes, Tim Hennessey, Alan Conway, Stuart Owen, Hilary Elliott, Astrid Biddle, Chloe Hopkins.

### MINUTES

- 1. Prayers
- 2. Apologies Oliver Fradgley.
- 3. Notification of matters for consideration under Any Other Business NONE
- 4. Approval of Minutes of the PCC Meetings held on 18th October 2022 APPROVED
- 5. Matters Arising
- 6. Standing Committee Reports
  - With new organist, RH brought forward bi-annual review of salaries. Reviewed and approved. RH to circulate the report on salaries.
- 7. Committee/Group Reports
  - Finance RH
    - Proposal for increase in Court House and Church hiring tariff (revised in line with CofE guidelines and likely rise in energy costs). Heating Church to be added as an optional extra to hire (£45 per hour). APPROVED.
    - o PM to research hire cost of Greene Room at Kings Arms.
    - Proposal of Court House to be used as warm hub cost to be covered by grants
      (Diocese Grant and Herts Community Foundation Grant) and Rector's Discretionary
      Fund. PCC approving the exploration of setting it up.
  - Buildings Committee MG
    - Building maintenance schedule. APPROVED
      - Question about beginning application for planning permission for solar panels.
  - Pastoral Committee CC
    - Nothing to report.
    - o Pastoral care course had 12-15 attending throughout the weeks.

## 8. 800th Anniversary

- Anniversary Dinner / Knox Johnson talk were successful.
  - Approx £4,000 raised from the talk, will be donated to fund.
- Photography competition entries are on display.
- Scottish Dancing / whisky tasting scheduled
- Proposal of graffiti information being accessible either by plaques or QR codes.

# 9. Roof Appeal

- SO Proposal of going through HLF for grants.
- Proposal for setting up Roof Appeal Committee and Liaise with 'Friends'. SO, TH and MG to discuss this further.

### 10. Eco Church

- SH to start going to building committee meetings to hear recommendations for Eco Church.
- New Oven for Court House Cottage gas would have issue with condensation. Action TH conversation about installing more efficient electric oven.

## 11. Safeguarding

- Rachel Below to take on some of the job.
- HE thanks to those who have done training.
- HE was asked to clarify the exact details of the third safeguarding course that needs to be completed by PCC members.

## 12. The Pad Project

- CC proposing an area in Church for people to drop off pads (and other items). APPROVED.
- 13. Date of Next Meeting 28th February
- 14. Any Other Business.
  - RH writing annual report, would like photographs. Particularly of the 800<sup>th</sup>.
- 15. The meeting concluded with The Grace at 9.07 p.m.