



PARISH OF GREAT BERKHAMSTED

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council to be held in the Court House Wednesday 11th May 2022 at 8pm

In attendance: Elizabeth Wright, Christine Cowie, Alan Conway, Christopher Green, Stuart Owen, Julian Dawson, Sarah Elder, Astrid Biddle, Oliver Fradgley, Chris Chatterton, Mark Grego, Hilary Elliott, David Cooke

Minutes

1. Prayers
 2. Apologies [Carolynn Charman](#); [Susan Holmes](#); [Tim Hennessey](#); [Richard Hackworth](#); [Peter Matthews](#); [Chloe Hopkins](#); [Susan Holmes](#)
- SO welcomed CC and SE to the PCC, and thanked them for standing for election. There was still one vacancy to be filled.
3. Notification of matters for consideration under Any Other Business None advised.
 4. Approval of Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 22nd February 2022. The minutes were approved.
 5. Matters Arising None.
 6. Election of Officers Mark Grego was elected as Vice Chairman; proposed CG, seconded HE. Richard Hackworth elected as Honorary Treasurer; proposed OF, seconded MG. Julian Dawson elected as Honorary Secretary; proposed HE, seconded CG. It was agreed to remove the Worship and Liturgy Committee from the list of committees and groups.
 7. Standing Committee Reports None.
 8. Committee/Group Reports
 - Finance Richard Hackworth's report was received without comment.
 - Buildings Committee A family has offered to fund the bell maintenance work, for which a faculty is required. **The PCC is resolved to undertake the repair and refurbishment of the bells and bell frame in the tower of St Peters.** AB has resigned from the committee, and was thanked for her work. A new member is required.
 9. 800th Anniversary The celebrations have begun with a series of lectures. The Jubilee celebrations will include a Spitfire flypast. Thanks were expressed for the work of Stephen Lally and Pru Murray.
 10. Court House Cottage TH's report on arranging an Afghan family to stay in the CHC was received. We are investigating ways we can support them. Thanks were expressed for TH's persistence in making the arrangement. AC felt it was important that the PCC had demonstrably acted in a practical way to support refugees.

11. Safeguarding PCC members were reminded they needed to complete three courses and send the completion certificate to HE. All groups will need to carry out training and check their DSBs.
12. Foundation Governors A diocesan background document on foundation governors was circulated prior to the meeting.
13. Rectory Lane Cemetery The working group had submitted an application for the work on the ponds. AB expressed serious concerns about the ecological efficacy of carrying out this work in the upper cemetery. Since there were serious concerns, SO, AB and CC would discuss further with James Moir to agree a way forward that was acceptable to the PCC. SO would write to the DAC secretary to express our serious concerns with the faculty application.
14. Date of Next Meeting – **21st June**
15. Any Other Business MG announced that EW had tendered her resignation as parish administrator. She would remain in place so that there is a handover to her successor.
16. The Grace The meeting concluded with the Grace at 20:43.