



PARISH OF GREAT BERKHAMSTED

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council to be held in the Court House Tuesday 28th
February 2023 at 8pm

Attending: Oliver Fradgley, Susan Holmes, Mike Below, Richard Hackworth, Mark Grego, Christine Cowie, Carolynne Charman, Julian Dawson, Stuart Owen, Chris Chatterton, Sarah Elder, Tim Hennessy, Hilary Elliot, Chloe Hopkins

MINUTES

1. Prayers
2. Apologies [Alan Conway](#), [Astrid Biddle](#), [Christopher Green](#), [Peter Matthews](#)
3. Notification of matters for consideration under Any Other Business
4. Approval of Minutes of the PCC Meetings held on 15th November 2022. AGREED.
5. Matters Arising
 - 7 – We did host warm hub but with no one in attendance.
 - 9 – Roof not under agenda. To be discussed under buildings.
6. Standing Committee Reports

Met virtually to approve Mike Below as Treasurer and Chris Beauchamp as Organist.

PCC APPROVED APPOINTMENTS

7. Committee/Group Reports
 - Finance Approval of annual report and finance report RH
 - Annual report – progressing as normal. To be finalised and signed off by APCM.
 - Buildings Committee MG
 - Report highlighting difficulty with renting out Courthouse Cottage ourselves.
 - Surveyor couldn't inspect certain areas because of accessibility. Will need to inspect ceiling which has cracked above North Door.
 - Cooker/hob was agreed to be replaced but hob has administered electric shocks due to worktop needing to be replaced. (Waiting for more quotes).
 - Roof appeal – proposal to form a separate restoration committee to take the lead in fundraising / awareness raising / liaising with architects etc. Executive decisions still come to PCC. APPROVED. (Caroline / Tim to join. Invitation to be extended to Chair of Friends)
 - Pastoral Committee CC
 - Discussion about lifts to church, visits in nursing homes.
 - Appeal for people to become vergers.
 - Pru Murray and Simon Lawson have joined.

8. Bell Repairs

- Looking to have repairs but waiting for Bell hangers to give a date. This to be paused until ringing on May 2nd. Repairs to take 3-6 months, funded by donation.

9. New appointments - Treasurer and Organist

10. Eco Church **SH**

- SH invited to meeting of local churches at Sunnyside Church.
- Investing in green initiatives has been put aside, Eco-Church has gone quiet
- Diocese is collecting data on energy consumption

11. Safeguarding **HE**

- No concerns
- Running first 3 training courses in-person May 13th. Videos to be projected in Court House and Diocese will record training has been undertaken. Will open up to Diocese if spaces not filled.
- Going through all DBS checks to renew if necessary (starting with PCC)
- Rachel Below to start to help. 3 meetings per year with Stuart Owen.
- New PCC members will have to sign agreement regarding Safeguarding when applying for PCC.

12. Pad Project UK CCh

- Awaiting final approval.
- Trustee (Sarah Joubert) to highlight work to congregation

13. Electoral Roll **RH OF**

- Papers been circulated by RH.
- 198 names there. Some addresses/numbers missing.
- Some PCC members (Tim/Mark) to take look through list and take off / add names. Then list of names to be put at the back of Church for people to check.

- 14. Date of Next Meeting – **PCC Zoom meeting 19th April (to approve circulated reports); APCM MOVED TO THE 30TH APRIL 5 reports presented on behalf of PCC); PCC 9th May**

15. Any Other Business

- Unsuccessful appointment of a Chair of Friends. Stuart to step in as interim Chair with hope to raise profile.
- Saturday 25th was termly meeting with all volunteers.
 - Men to come together Saturday before Mothering Sunday to arrange Mother's Day posies
 - Good Friday to have Stations of the cross for families/children
 - Big clean on Holy Saturday
 - Ecumenical service on Bank Holiday Monday after Coronation. Talks with Ann Foster in Council
 - Events at St Peters:
 - Sheriff of Hertfordshire declaration service on 8th April
 - Collation of new Archdeacon of St Albans on afternoon of 20th May
- Thanks to:
 - Concluding terms of David Cooke and Nick Goss, Oliver Fradgely and Susan Holmes on PCC
 - Concluding terms of Alan Conway, Peter Matthews and Christine Cowie as Deanery Synod reps
 - Mark Grego stepping down as Church Warden
- Other news:
 - Fr Joe moving on in Summer
 - Chloe Hopkins changing roles at Berkhamsted School and so, there will be interviews for a new Assistant Chaplain / Pastoral Assistant. (Chaplain Jane Markby is also leaving in July)

16. The Grace The meeting concluded with the grace at 9.07 p.m.