



PARISH OF GREAT BERKHAMSTED

Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in the Court House Tuesday 21st May 2024 at 8pm

A G E N D A

Attending:

Susan Holmes
Julian Dawson
Will Gore
Mike Below
Stuart Owen
Richard Hackworth
Sarah Elder
Carole Dell
Chris Green
Hillary Elliot
Tim Hennessey
Martin Moore

Start time: 20:01

1. Prayers
2. Apologies – Carolynne Charman
3. Notification of matters for consideration under Any Other Business Mike Below asked to speak on two items.
4. Approval of Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 27^h February 2024 and 18th April:
Feb approved. April to be circulated and approved at next meeting.
5. Matters Arising
6. Election of Officers – Lay Vice Chairman; Treasurer; Secretary
SO proposed TH as LVC RH seconded. All agreed.
TH proposed MB to continue serving as treasurer. RH seconded. All agreed.
Secretary to be formerly appointed as soon as possible following JD's standing down. The PCC formally expressed gratitude to JD for his service.
7. Standing Committee Reports – hasn't met
8. Committee/Group Reports
 - Finance:
Headlines – breaking even just about but not a positive future outlook. MB proposed exploring measures to increase donations/ stewardship – increasing donation exposure, info about stewardship. Agreed.
 - Buildings Committee:
The north transept lead work was undertaken but did not fix the leak over the door.

Buildings Committee wants approval for its recommendations in the circulated report, including putting together a proper project for fundraising and works listed in said report. RH proposed approving the recommendations of the Building's Committee report and take next step. The PCC formally agreed to the recommendations of the Buildings Committee.

- Pastoral Committee Nothing specific to highlight.

9. Renewing St Peter's

- Renewing the building:

This was covered under the Buildings Committee

- Renewing the congregation -

Personal invitations to the Pentecost service have proved effective. Plans for more contact with parents helpful to develop relationships including with couples getting married.

10. Safeguarding

DBS checks are going through and training is successful. SO expressed thanks to HE and Rachel Below

11. Date of Next Meeting – **25th June**

12. Any Other Business

SO reminded everyone that matters for AOB need to be submitted by the Sunday before the PCC meeting.

MB proposed a PCC distribution list on the website. This was accepted providing it was not used for formal PCC business which should be sent through the chairman or secretary.

MB asked for the minutes to be circulated by the Sunday after the PCC meeting. This was deemed to be impractical due to the priorities and commitments of the minutes secretary, secretary and chairman.

SO has been offered sabbatical, as per a previous agreement in his previous diocese RH proposed. WG seconded. All agreed. The sabbatical would take place in first quarter of 2025.

13. The meeting concluded with The Grace at 20:51