

ST JOHN'S CHURCH, RANMOOR

Minutes of the 580th Meeting of the Parochial Church Council
held on 23rd May 2019 at 7.30pm
in the Garden Room of the Ranmoor Parish Centre

Present: Matthew (Chair), Brian Parfett, Sarah Beardsmore, Mark Gregory, David Williams, Edward Barbieri (part), Andy Clark, Claire Webber, Jackie Dakin, David Booker, Matthew Farn

Apologies: Carl Webber, Peter Lowe, Grace Woods, Mark Allcock, Janet Noble

Documents issued prior to the meeting: Diocese Consultation document; Statement on Domestic Abuse, Statement on recruitment of ex offenders; Parish Safeguarding Health Check / Audit 2019.

Welcome and opening prayer

Matthew welcomed the PCC with an opening prayer

1. Adoption of Agenda and Conflicts of Interest

The Agenda was adopted however the order was changed to allow Edward to leave early.

2. Feedback from the concert proposal of Duo Piccolo e Grande

- a. Matthew asked for feedback from the request of a group who would like to have a concert in church late Autumn. They want to have a retiring collection rather than pay fees for hire. Feedback from the PCC was as follows:
 - i. Verger cost would need to be looked at
 - ii. Heating cost – at that time of year we would need heating
 - iii. Niche music – therefore might not attract enough people
 - iv. Cross over of music and may be conflict with SJR music
- b. Overall it was agreed that if the church is to be hired out unless it is for a charity or to support a local initiative we should endeavour to charge the concert rate. **Action – Matthew to feedback.**

3. Feedback from the Parish Communion – Matins Hybrid Service

- a. Not enough Matins
- b. Too much music and not enough congregation involvement
- c. We need to have more orders of service – **Action Claire to print more for the June service.**
- d. We will run another Matins and Communion Service in June and gain more feedback before we decide if this is a good service format to replace Choral Matins.

4. Minutes of 579th meeting of the Council on 30th April 2019

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Organ funding:

- Page 5 amendment – We would meet the mandatory outcome “the wider range of people would be involved in heritage”
- As a charity we would have to – change this to - *the lottery advised we would probably have to pay a person to run the events.*

With the additional amends the Minutes were agreed and signed. – **Action Claire to make amends and receive signature from Matthew**

5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda

- a. Faculty for organ repairs – this has been sent to Andrew Vidler for amendment
- b. Tetrapack recycling – this has been progressed with **Helen and Claire.**
- c. Electrician has been appointed and Brian has advised this to the Diocese.
- d. Fire Risk Assessment – this is taking place in July
- e. Health And Safety – Brian has progressed this with Julie Banham from Sheffield Diocese.
- f. Bishops Garden Party – This is cancelled and will not be rescheduled until 2020.
- g. Organ – No update since the last meeting

6. Website

- a. Claire explained following the final PCC we she was tasked to get two more quotes for the website.
- b. The PCC were content and approved to go ahead with the website with Matthew, Claire and Brian overseeing. - **Action Claire**

Edward Barbieri Left the meeting

7. Consultation Document

- a. Matthew gave an overview on the consultation document and process
- b. Overview agreed by the PCC that we are very fortunate to be in a position with a parish Priest – we are truly blessed. Other churches in our partnership had appointments made at a similar time to Matthews appointment and were only given temporary Priests.
- c. We are blessed with retired clergy, Alison Wooding, Alison Wragg and excellent pastoral team and laity.
- d. PCC Agreed that the focus is on the paid staff in the Diocese, but the focus should be on the gifts of laity and reformat how the paid staff operate.
- e. General feeling that this is a final plan and not a consultation


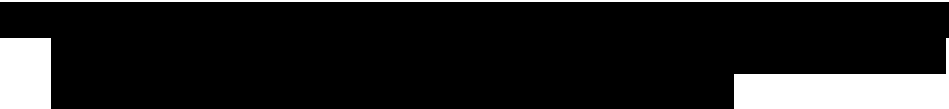
FEEDBACK ON CONSULTATION

- Do we agree with scenario 6?
 - The general feeling is we agree and especially as we have a strong power of our church. We were concerned that the sharing of resources may not always be possible, and the consultation does not answer how this will be done.

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- What do we find most exciting about the proposed new model of ministry?
 - A change can be refreshing
 - Finally, positive that we are doing something about a situation that has been heading for financial problems for some time
 - Good opportunity to give power to laity
 - Good to embed relationships across Parishes
- What do you think is most challenging about the proposed new model?
 - How do Parishes manage without an incumbent or lay people?
 - How does skill sharing work?
 - There will be a need for administrative support
 - This proposal is only looking at parish ministry and not total Diocese.
 - It is not looking at Diocese central costs and functions and training
- What support would we need to implement the new model?
 - Training across lay leadership
- Do you have questions you would like to answer on?
 - Some incumbents are not able to deliver on this as many have been in post for so long
 - We must build the strength of the laity in the Parish over the next 5 years before the new structure comes into place and some churches are not capable of doing this.
 - Area Dean role should be a different title. This is confusing. Will the area dean role be attached to a church, will they serve as a priest anywhere? Can it be a lay person?
- Matthew to pass the PCC feedback to the Diocese as per the request on the consultation document – **Action Matthew**

8. Architect

- i. A new Architect has been appointed. His name is Edward Kepczyk, Buttress Architects. More information can be found on <http://buttress.net/>

- iii. Edward will do the quinquennial, and this will be a fixed fee and this will be carried out in the Autumn.

- v. Thank you passed to Matthew, Brian, Jackie Dakin, Anthea Priestley and Peter Lowe for their work in the recruitment of the new architect – **Action Matthew to pass this on**

9. Finance

- a. A short meeting has taken place to answer queries that had been raised about the format of the accounts following the APCM.
- b. David presented a 2019 statement Budget.
- c. 1/4 ly accounts are presented to the **PCC – Note.**

10. Heritage Open Day

- a. This year it will take place on 14th and 15th September
- b. Saturday it will be open 10-5 and Sunday, there will be a church service in the morning and activity TBC in the afternoon until 5pm
- c. Matt Farn would like to help Matthew and Claire organise this – **Action Claire and Matthew**

11. Safeguarding

- a. Claire updated the meeting on the new policies
 - i. Recruitment of ex offenders – PCC approved and signed this off
 - ii. Domestic Abuse Policy - PCC approved and signed this off
 - iii. Parish Safeguarding Audit – this was signed off by the PCC
- b. Choir Safeguarding
 - i. All contacts for emergency and GDPR should be kept in the office centrally
 - ii. Emergency contact of children should be available for staff and sitters during the week. **Action – Claire to discuss with Edward and Marty** as they are not present in the week at children’s rehearsals. Any food allergies or medical issues need to be made more visible in the choir vestry.

12. Social Events

- a. 22nd September - Bring and share summer lunch will celebrate the licensing of Alison Wragg and Janet Noble
- b. Theatre Trip on 2nd January to see Guys and Dolls
- c. Coach trip – the coach trip is taking place at the end of Saturday 29th June – all encouraged to come along. Claire reported we have opened it up to other churches. We have around 34 names on the coach
- d. Vision Day – this will take place on Saturday 13th July – PCC should be attending if able to – **Action PCC**
- e. Harvest pie and pea -12th October – Claire to check with Pete Chatterton if he is available that day for the pie and pea supper and quiz in the evening. The Harvest festival is on the 13th October.
- f. Holy Land trip in 2021 – this would be a trip to be explored.
- g. Matt Farn would like to offer an arts evening and talk as a social event – **Action Claire to discuss with Pete Chatterton and Matt Farn**

13. AOB

- i. Do the choristers sing at the All Age? PCC are generally not happy that the children are not present at all during the all age service – **Action Matthew to discuss options with Edward**
- ii. Choir involvement with Church Activities. It was felt by some members of the PCC that there is a disconnect between choir families and Church Families. We need to work harder at connecting this bond. Some choir parents are not coming into church even to hear evensong. Choir parent meeting to take place - **Action – Matthew, Edward, Jackie, Matt and Sarah**

- iii. Matt Farn to attend warden training on Sunday 2nd June with Carl Webber – All Age Duty – Action Carl and Matt
- iv. **Date of Next meeting** Wednesday 19th June in the Garden room of the Parish Centre.

14. Close with the Grace

The Meeting was closed at 9.45pm with the Grace.

Approval of Minutes:

Signed _____(Chairman)

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