

Christ Church, Tuel Lane, Sowerby Bridge PCC meeting

Minutes of an online 'Zoom' meeting held on Wednesday 1 September 2021

Present:

Rev Canon Angela Dick, David Gill, Angela Wilkins, Helen Pedley, Kevin Henry, Paul Healey, Susan Sanderson, Janet Turner, Anthea Gee

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1.	Revd. Angela opened the meeting with prayer.	
2.	Apologies for absence Graham Lamb Peter Henry to join the meeting around 8pm.	
3.	Minutes of previous 'Zoom' meeting held on 7 July 2021 Kevin Henry proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Angela Wilkins seconded the proposal. All in favour. Minutes of an extraordinary 'Zoom' meeting held on 22 July 2021 David Gill proposed that the minutes were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Janet Turner seconded the proposal. All in favour. Notes made during a Standing Committee 'Zoom' meeting on 23 August 2021 David Gill proposed that the notes were a true and accurate record of the meeting. Helen Pedley seconded the proposal. All in favour.	
4.	Anything to discuss or note from the minutes	
4a.	Fundraising idea – virtual walk/drive/run – this needs to be postponed until next year.	AG
4b.	Tower clock motor – Helen had contacted Calderdale who informed her that the person dealing with this was on holiday until the middle of September.	HP
4c.	Missionary boxes – Anthea had contacted Beverley who felt the time had come to pass this post onto someone else. She was not sure if she had contact details of people with home boxes but would have a search. A note would be placed on the weekly sheet to see if anyone would be interested in taking this post on.	AG/PHen/AD
5.	Finance	
5a.	Paul presented the financial report: Treasurers Report July/August 2021 Bank Balances : July August Cheque Account: 4661.65 4530.37 Savings Account: 10825.37 10825.37 Total: 15487.02 15355.74 Monies In: 1968.84 2293.17 Monies Out: 1618.28 2424.45 Surplus/Deficit 350.56 131.28 Allowing for one-off items true figures were:	

Monies In:	1888.84	2083.43
Monies Out:	1462.28	2297.45
Surplus/Deficit	426.56	214.02

No cheques issued(Churchwardens Publication cheque 41.85 still outstanding, should debit in September)

Card reader donations were 145.00(net 143.40)for July, 230.00(net 227.45)for August.

Online payments since last minutes:
 Peter 14.39/ 40.00 Zoom Extension/ Verger Fee,
 Angela 26.49, 20.58 Church Flowers, Michael Storey 35.00 x 2, 22.00- Service fees/
 taxi expenses, Martin Parrott 35.00 Service fee, Angela 309.75 June/July expenses,
 W E Harrison 138.00 Lightning Conductor Service

Utilities :Gas: 69.62, 79.79
 Electricity : 308.52, refund 109.74 received
 Water: 4.00 x 2

Parish Share- further 750.00 paid in August, September to be discussed(1000.00 agreed) to end August paid 9100.00 towards total 25305.00(35.96%,with the £1000 September payment will be 39.91%)

No news on equipment sale.
 Nestle donation re Sound System via CAF 500 being processed should be credited early September. Church Account has to be reset on the CAF system. Separate 100.00 from Unite also received.
 Many thanks to Graham for sorting these.

100.00 internment donation received.

Payments due- Kitchen Water heater, Richard re Quinquennial, Sound System as per schedule, Spring Clear Water Filter 53.90 paid by Dave, Parish Share 1000.00 agreed at PCC.

Stop press: £2000 donation via Congregation family(received annually & to be used as PCC decide)

Balances on day of meeting:
 Cheque Account : 4645.04(still to credit 2500.00- Nestle 500.00 & 2000.00 both now in our Account)
 Savings Account : 10825.37

Total : 15470.41 + 2500.00= 17970.41 less 1000.00 re Parish Share as above.

5b. Parish Giving Scheme signed agreement – awaiting all signatories. **AD**
 When complete this will be forwarded to the Parish Giving Scheme office along with a bank statement.

5c. Helen's report – Helen stated there was a Diocesan missionary grant we could apply for which could link in with the Sowerby Bridge Action Zone and help towards our access project. **HP**

Representatives from Historic England have visited Sowerby Bridge and are delighted that Christ Church have been invited to join with the project.

	<p>They were keen and excited about the plans for a ramp over the graveyard area and Church yard. There was talk about a contract to sign and the involvement of Calderdale Council.</p> <p>There has been discussion with Archdeacon Anne and the DAC – an interim faculty is required for contractors to undertake exploratory works to see if this would be possible and give approximate costings.</p> <p>The cost of the exploratory works would be around £1,000. If these works are not carried out we will not know if the ramped access would be possible. Helen proposed the meeting requested contractors to undertake an Archaeologist survey with the cost being met from the Naylor Grant fund. Kevin Henry seconded the proposal. All in favour.</p> <p>A meeting would be arranged for the middle of September and the council to be asked if they could lift the flags to save costs.</p> <p>Revd. Angela thanked Helen for her work on this project.</p> <p>Gas supply – Helen mentioned the possibility of fixing our gas tariff now even though we do not have to until next year. Discussion followed. Helen to look into different suppliers and their costs.</p> <p>Diocesan share – to be discussed later in the meeting.</p>	<p>HP</p> <p>HP</p>
<p>6. 6a. 6b. 6c.</p>	<p>Items for discussion not identified on the agenda – item 12</p> <p>Christ Church in Calderdale</p> <p>Kitchen cleaning</p> <p>Christmas Fair</p>	<p>PHea AG PHen</p>
<p>7. 7a. 7b. 7c. 7d. 7e.</p>	<p>Fabric/Church Warden report</p> <p>Digital Inclusion – contact with Memory Lane – Peter will contact June from Memory Lane when Tuesday coffee mornings begin again.</p> <p>Ebound – Church call out during daylight and Ebound during night hours - to be discussed later in the meeting.</p> <p>Community room hire – to be discussed later in the meeting.</p> <p>Leak on roof over washroom area – David reported that water is coming in at the corner of the first cubicle but he cannot find where this is coming from. He had looked externally but nothing evident. It may require removing some of the ceiling.</p> <p>Manhole cover near cremated remains area – David had looked at the manhole which appeared a little flexible. If this was to be replaced he suggested looking into something more substantial.</p> <p>David reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● the water heater under the kitchen sink had been replaced. This heats up like an immersion heater once the switch is turned on. There are a few issues to sort out on this but it is useable. ● a filter in the water heater for hot drinks had been replaced and this is now up and working. 	<p>PHen</p> <p>DG/PHen</p> <p>DG</p> <p>DG</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The external back of Church is massively overgrown and ferns are growing in the ditches at the end of fall pipes. This will need immediate attention. 	
8.	Administration and Projects	PHen
8a.	Rushbearing – all preparations are going well. The Church event will be advertised on the facebook page.	
8b.	Eco Church – Bronze Award – Revd. Angela and Helen are planning a series of services for the Creation season beginning with Climate Sunday through to Harvest. This is part of our commitment to becoming an Eco Church. As part of this commitment we will create a piece of art work by asking members to make ‘leaf’ shapes out of fabric with their initials on. These will then be put together to create the art work.	
8c.	Sowerby Bridge Together – the group are working alongside Noah’s Ark and their present project is ‘Budget like a Boss’. They are hoping to visit the three local schools to introduce this course to parents.	
8d.	Cultural Consortium Heritage Action Zone – the main points of action are Wharf Street buildings and the Church graveyard. A competition to find Sowerby Bridge local dish is presently being run and the conclusion will be held at the Puzzle Inn. The group have asked if we require any help to promote our Heritage open day.	
8e.	Volunteers to lead on the above projects – Paul has been forwarding Eco tips to be included on the weekly notice sheet.	
9.	Pastoral - <i>Worship, Planning, Leadership, Growth</i>	
9a.	Our Roadmap – discussion followed on relaxing our restrictions in light of current guidance. It was agreed that masks should still be worn, temperatures continue to be taken upon entry and social distancing in place within Church. The Lord’s prayer and final hymn would be sung (with masks on). This would be reviewed again in October. Sue asked if the pew runners could be put back in place. It was felt that they should not be put into the pews as yet due to the fact that there could be baptisms, funerals during the week and not enough time to move the pew runners.	
9b.	Wedding – two weddings are booked for January and July 2022. One of the couples has requested their dog be the ring bearer and asked about our policy on animals in Church. Revd. Angela had replied that she would consult the PCC. Following discussion it was agreed that for this particular wedding this would be accepted due to the fact that the dog would be looked after by a minder all the time. Revd. Angela proposed that any similar requests be considered on a case by case basis and the final decision to be made by the officiating minister. Janet Turner seconded the proposal. All in favour.	
9c.	Pastoral – Anthea mentioned that a member of the congregation had raised concerns about one of the housebound Church members. This	

	was after talking with a family member of this person. Revd. Angela would contact the family and ask if it would be OK to visit when the pastoral team start up again.	AD
10.	Safeguarding – Anthea mentioned about the lady who has been visiting on a Sunday morning but not really wanting to take part in the service. She had been looking for food, money and a drink and would swear quite a lot. The lady had been given advice on where she may be able to find help. Following discussion it was decided that, if she were to visit again and still be in the same frame of mind, one of the Church Wardens would ask her to leave.	
11.	Marking the 200th Anniversary Bishop Jonathan will join us on the 12 December 2021 as part of our Anniversary celebrations. The Rushbearing committee had donated 100 badges for Church to sell and keep the profits. The badge commemorates the 200 th anniversary of Church.	
	Peter joined the meeting. Discussion around the Parish Share followed. Peter Henry proposed that £1,000 was forwarded this month. Anthea Gee seconded the proposal. All in favour	PHea
12.	Any Other Business	
12a.	Christ Church in Calderdale – Paul explained that Alyson had Googled three best Churches in Calderdale and found that we were listed. A summary of our activities and a picture of Church was shown. Paul asked if this could be noted on the weekly notice sheet for people to look at if they wished.	PHen
12b.	Kitchen cleaning – Anthea asked if a note could be placed on the weekly notice sheet asking for volunteers to clean the kitchen and community room	PHen
12c.	Christmas Fair – Peter mentioned that someone had contacted him to see if we were holding a Christmas Fair this year and if so could they book a stall. It was agreed to look at dates for this at the October meeting.	
7b.	Ebound – Church call out during daylight and Ebound during night hours - Peter confirmed that Ebound had been in contact to ask if we would like to upgrade to 24 hour protection. We would still be charged for call outs. Another alternative is to revert to people from Church being contacted during the day if the alarm were to sound and Ebound to continue with a night call out (if necessary). If the alarm sounds during the day a Church member would be contacted who would then look around Church externally and report if anyone/anything could be seen. There would be no need to enter Church. It was agreed to revert to this routine and the following people agreed to be on the contact list: David, Peter, Kevin, Janet, Revd. Angela. Peter would contact Ebound with contact numbers. Community room hire – two organisations had requested prices for hiring the community room. Peter had forwarded these. For one of the organisations it was too expensive and the other had not replied.	PHen

14.	Dates of next meetings at 7.00pm PCC future meetings Wednesday 6 October 2021 Wednesday 3 November 2021 Wednesday 1 December 2021	ALL
	The meeting finished at 9.15 and closed with the Grace.	