

Minutes of St Sampson's PCC meeting held 7th April 2022 at the Vicarage, 7.30pm

Present: D Dewes (Chair), A Grace, R Crow, M Smith, J Wheeler, L Brierley, J Valpy (minutes)
Apologies: N Massey, P Barnes, R Saunders

1. DD welcomed everyone. We began with prayer and reflection using the app 'Pray as you go'
2. Apologies were accepted from NM, PB and RS
3. Minutes from 14th October 2021, 13th Feb 2022 and 6th March 2022 were approved by all as true records of their respective meetings. To be signed by DD. **Action – JV/DD**

Matters arising - A local lady called Cath Smith creates highly skilled needle felted figures and is willing to make a nativity set. She has made a shepherd figure as an example – it's beautiful! JV to discuss the rest of the figures with her and request 3 kings. We will use the remaining £293 from funeral donation, plus extra money from the Children's Educational Charity to pay for it.

Action - JV

4. There have been no email votes since the last meeting.

5. Finance

Current balances:

Main account: £ 8,962 (of which £2,000 is Wedding fees)

Restricted: £ 41,528 broken down as follows:

Organ fund:	£ 3,144
Fabric:	£ 3,573
Roof:	£29,960 (of which £26,000 is loans to repay)
Children's Educational charity:	£10,518
Funeral Donation:	£ 293
Hymn books	£ 300
USPG	£ 1,122
100 Club	£ 566
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	£ 52
Altar Frontal	£ 1,000

Finances are reasonably healthy, but only just.

We will pay roughly £1,000 per quarter to the Mission Area Youth Worker project. This money comes from the Children's Educational Charity.

Designs, measurements and costings for the new altar frontals are being investigated. £1,000 has been donated towards them. DD spoke of liturgical designer Juliet Hemingray as a possible source of design inspiration. AG to progress this. **Action - AG**

We received £15,000 grant from the National Churches Trust and are applying for a further £10,000 this year for the roof and refurbishment work. They are requesting an annual contribution for 5 years, suggested amount £50-£100. The PCC agreed to commit to £100 annual contribution.

Also agreed £149 for a new set of step ladders at church.

We donated £1808.13 to USPG for the Ukraine Appeal – this includes the extra received in gift aid.

6. Fabric/Refurbishment

A number of architects have been considered for the church refurbishment project and the committee shortlisted 3. Each of these has now presented plans to the committee and all of the information is being looked at. There will be a period of questioning and further discussion to clarify points with each architect before a final choice is made and a proposal put to PCC in May. The feedback from community consultations is being collated and will feed into overall refurbishment plans.

Monthly events have been organised to help with fundraising – concerts, quiz etc. This will help to raise the profile of the refurbishment within local community and show that we are an active church, caring for its building.

The PCC extended thanks to the committee for its continued hard work.

AG is ordering the carpet runner. **Action – AG**

There is some reorganisation of the church cleaning arrangements – planning to form a new cleaning team and also to pay for professional cleaning of the toilet and kitchen on a weekly basis. We will also purchase new cleaning materials and equipment. **Action - AG**

Also planning to form a team of vergers to help at weddings and funerals and wherever needed.

7. Youth and Children

A Youth Work Enabler has now been appointed – Jess Price. She will coordinate youth work across the Mission Area and oversee the work of the SWYM trainees. MS has been in touch and she hopes to visit Cricklade soon.

The mid week youth club will not be taking place as not enough interest at the moment.

Debbie, Suzi and Shirley are all going to lead an Informal Worship service in the months after Easter and the youth workers will run children's and youth groups. This will enable adults and children/youth to have focused groups/discussion.

Children's crafts will also be offered once a month during the 10am service. This will support and encourage families who attend in the morning and, with Informal Worship, will provide good opportunities to invite baptism families.

8. Safeguarding

JV has now taken over as Safeguarding Officer from Avril Fray. Jane Templeton will handle DBS checks and training records to make sure that we are up to date. JV to change safeguarding notices so that they are up to date and will attend new PSO induction training at the end of April. Safeguarding will be covered at the next Benefice PCCs morning in May – an opportunity to discuss processes, good practice and action points.

Action - JV

9. School

We have had a lot of connection with the primary school in recent weeks. DD led their Easter service in church yesterday with Open the Book. RC has supported the school Eco Warriors and their recycling bin is in now church. JV worked with the SWYM team to run the Easter Experience with years 3 and 4. JV has also been in school helping with the RE day. DD and JV also supporting in strategic governor role. JV beginning to gather ideas and information to apply for the national Church School Partnership Award. **Action - JV**

10. Jenner Hall

We have a certain number of reserved slots per month for church use of the Jenner Hall. They are requesting that we start to pay £10 per used session to cover running costs such as heating. All were in agreement that we meet their request. Invoices will go direct to AG. JV to feedback to PB and trustees and also to update the calendar for reserved use. Some of the sessions listed we no longer use. **Action - JV**

11. Deanery Synod

No meeting.

12. Correspondence

We have received a certificate of thanks from the Diocese for our Parish Share contributions in 2021. JV to put up in porch. **Action - JV**

13. AOB

After discussion, it was agreed that we would book a stall at the Leisure Centre for the Jubilee Family Day. This will be a great community day and good for the church to be represented. Ideas so far – crafts for children, sign up for 70 acts of service (on Jubilee website), use of OTB puppets, seating and free refreshments for parents whilst children are busy. JV/AG to get others involved and organise. **Action – JV/AG**

A member of the congregation recently hurt their foot as a result of uneven stone on the path leading up to church. This was reported at the time and has been recorded in the accident book. Barry has contacted the Town Council so they are aware and to discuss any necessary path repairs. The PCC has followed due process, has a risk assessment in place and is aware of its responsibilities.

14. Vicar's heads up

Nothing further to discuss

15. Future meetings

Saturday 21st May – Benefice PCCs in the Jenner Hall 9.30am