

Minutes of St Sampson's PCC meeting held 1st February 2024 at the Vicarage, 7.30pm

Present: D Dewes (Chair), A Grace, P Barnes, J Valpy (minutes)

Apologies: L Brierley, M Smith, B Smith

1. DD welcomed everyone. Prayer/reading??

2. Apologies were accepted from Laura, Matt and Barbara. Nigel Massey has resigned and Jess Wheeler has been unable to attend for some time and will reach the end of her term of office at the APCM. JV to extend thanks to both.

3. Minutes from 16th November were approved by all as a true record of the meeting.

4. No items for AOB

5. Just One Thing

A brief discussion to follow-up on some of the suggestions from Better Together PCC morning last month. In particular, advertise where Alpha courses are running in the local area (most likely Pattern Church).

6. APCM/PCC membership

We really need some new members as the PCC is currently rather small. It's being advertised and we will ask people too.

7. Finance

Current balances:

Main account: £ 5,317

Restricted: £18,516 broken down as follows:

Organ fund:	£ 3,155
Fabric:	£ -729
Refurbishment:	£ 9,827 (plus £26,000 in loans to repay)
Children's Educational charity:	£ 3,909
Hymn books	£ 300
Vicar's Discretionary Fund	£ 52
Altar Frontal	£ 1,000

The discrepancy is because of a cheque for £234 paid into the wrong account.

£800 has been sent to Christian Aid for the Middle East Appeal.

The standing committee approved the purchase of a new projector as a cost of £489.99

We have also purchased a new handheld terminal for use inside and outside church, £94.80.

A revised budget for 2024 has been circulated.

Draft 2023 accounts are with the auditor, to be approved by PCC in time for APCM. **Action AG/JV**

8. Fabric and Refurbishment

Barry has now hardwired the card machine for contactless giving.

Barry and Sarah met with the Disability Officer and Church Use Strategy person from Bristol Diocese to get their input on the project. Both very useful meetings with practical advice to feed into the project.

Barry completed the visits from the statutory bodies as part of the ongoing consultation. Once architect has completed the feedback matrix, we can talk this through at a future meeting. Feedback was generally helpful.

Emma (architect) has been thinking through the feedback and taking a fresh look at the plans. She is currently working on a revised sketch and once this is agreed she will do a detailed plan.

Our archaeologist, Chiz Harwood, has written a very detailed first section of his report which documents all the historical features of the church building and changes over the years. Next steps are for him to complete a statement of significance and outlining the impact of our proposed changes. Once we have the statement of significance and have agreed way forward, it will be time to work on the detailed plans ready to submit a faculty.

Research into Trusts to apply to for grants is ongoing and the diocesan fundraising contact has been helpful.

The Quiz night and Grand Draw are happening at the weekend.

9. Youth and Children

Laura, Jo, Matt and Dawn will continue to run children's activities twice a month and review at Easter.

10. Eco Church

Very pleased to have achieved our Bronze Award and work is underway for the Silver Award. New things to raise awareness of are ethical investment and auditing our carbon footprint. The PCC approved a donation of £125 to A Rocha, in line with their recommendations upon completion of an award.

11. Safeguarding

All records are now held by the Parish Safeguarding Officer in a fireproof safe and would remain with PSO during any future vacancy.

12. School - nothing reported

13. Jenner Hall

St Anne's Gate Architects are helping with stonework issue. An upstairs room maybe coming vacant.

14. Deanery Synod – nothing reported

15. Correspondence

Letter of resignation from Nigel Massey.

16. Vicar's heads up – nothing reported

Next meeting dates: APCM Sunday 10th March, 11am in church, followed by meeting of new PCC St Sampson's PCC Thursday 18th April, 7.30pm