

St Peter's Church PCC meeting

27 June 2023 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Minutes

Present: Mo Atkinson, Hannah Beck, Ian Birt, Michael Burlison, Helen Camm, Chris Clayton (Chair), Stewart Davies, Jan Edwards, Rachel Fell, Alan Garrow, David Hipkin, Sian Lockwood, Catherine Medforth, Felicity Moss, Roy Taylor and Ruth Thompson-Vear.

Apologies: Bella Blake, Kate Blake, Lance Burgess, Judith Clark, Catharine Davies and John Longstaff.

1. Welcome and opening prayer

Chris welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Welcome to new members

Chris welcomed all new members to the PCC, namely Mo, Catherine, Kate, Bella, Helen, Jan and Michael.

Roy Taylor and David Hipkin were duly elected as co-opted members for one year.

The following officers were re-appointed:

Treasurer: David Hipkin

Secretary: Rachel Fell

Vice Chair: Sian Lockwood

Electoral Roll officer: Carole Raw

Environmental officer: Stewart Davies

Roy was re-elected as the PCC representative on the Standing Committee.

3. Bible reflection

Chris led a reflection on 1 Corinthians.

4. Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received and were noted.

5. Acceptance of the minutes of March's meeting

The minutes of the PCC meeting held on 28 March 2023 were unanimously approved.

6. Matters arising

- It was noted that Evensong congregations remain a challenge.
- Sian reported that three Inclusive church groups are now up and running.
- The restoration of full communion remains an ongoing process.

7. PCC introductions

All members present introduced themselves by highlighting what they are involved in at church, what they care about and what their hopes are for the PCC.

8. Vision and values recap and PCC topics

Alan reminded the meeting of our vision and values – in essence, our guide when making decisions. They also inform the topics we discuss at PCC meetings and at the PCC away day.

9. Living in Love and Faith update

Alan reminded the meeting about his Living in Love and Faith article in the weekly news a couple of weeks ago. There is a strong desire to be positive about the progress made towards recognising same-sex relationships. So far, no strong disagreements with this have been raised with Alan although one or two individuals have expressed some reservations.

10. Pattern of worship on 1st Sunday at 9.30

On the first Sunday, the children are not out in Sunday school groups so there is a desire to bring more energy and creativity to this service by involving children and young people more. As part of this, it's proposed that the service will not always feature a eucharist and that those

leading the service are given freedom not to have one. This was unanimously agreed. It was also noted that other Sunday services (8.30 and 11.00) include a eucharist so alternative options are available.

11. Bereavement Journey

Jan outlined to the meeting the purpose of the Bereavement Journey course and how it is run. It is a course to help people on their bereavement journey whether recently bereaved or not. It is not explicitly Christian, except for the final session. It is being run in partnership with St Mark's – St Mark's will run the course in the daytime, and St Peter's in the evening. The course starts in September and is being facilitated by some 10-11 volunteers who have agreed to undertake the appropriate training. The course is also being advertised in the community eg in surgeries, by health professionals and in other churches.

The PCC thanked Jan for leading this initiative and gave its wholehearted support for and endorsement of the course.

12. Finances

David gave a brief update on finances and had nothing major to report. Our finances are broadly in line with budget as of the end of May. Progress is also being made in accounting for gift aid.

As circulated prior to the meeting, a renewal quote for our electricity contract has been received from Bionic, who arranged our current contract. It is a few thousand pounds cheaper but requires us to commit now to a further year from March 2024.

After a short discussion, it was agreed to wait until nearer our March 2024 renewal date before committing to a further fixed price contract.

David also noted that our investment funds held by Cardale are moving to a different account within Cardale due to a reorganisation of their funds following their acquisition by Titan.

13. Fabric

Sian tabled a fabric report produced by Carole, which includes costings of various works that have been undertaken or agreed in the last three months. No objections or concerns were raised in relation to these.

Sian also reported that the faculty for the AV system has now been obtained.

Referring to the quotes for LED lighting circulated to PCC members, Sian noted that the switch to LED was beneficial for both cost and environmental reasons. Of the two quotes received, the PCC endorsed Carole's recommendation of the quote from Robinsons (our current lighting/electrical contractor) and approved the undertaking of all the LED replacement works specified in their quote. The work will be funded from a legacy.

It was also noted that the quote from Vertex to repair the Brostoff roof leak had been previously approved by the PCC and the work has been undertaken.

Stewart raised a possible issue with the radiators in church – Sian agreed to raise with the management committee and report back to the PCC.

14. Safeguarding

There were no incidents to report.

All PCC members have undertaken or renewed their DBS checks. Safeguarding training has been largely completed.

15. Membership of Netmakers (formerly known as the Harrogate Hub)

Alan briefly explained the purpose of Netmakers and drew members' attention to the booklet tabled to the meeting which outlines their projects. Netmakers is a mission orientated organisation bringing together most of the churches in Harrogate and Knaresborough.

The PCC was keen to express its support for Netmakers and agreed to donate £300 a year to them and also agreed to hold a refreshment day on their behalf.

16. New ministrants

Sunny Lee and Helen Gardiner were unanimously endorsed as new chalice ministrants.

17. Acceptance of minutes of the standing committee

The standing committee minutes for April, May and June were tabled and accepted.

18. AOB

There was no other business.

19. Review of meeting

There was a brief review of the meeting.

The meeting concluded with prayers at 8.30pm.

The next meeting is on 26 September 2023 in church.