

ALL SAINTS CHURCH, HOLBEACH

Tuesday, 11th October 2022

PCC Meeting

Present: Revd Sherine Angus, Kevin Dodd, Martin Butler, Lynne Barkes, Judy Kelly, Kim Biggs, Jackie Sheldrake, Helen Drake, Gill Graper

Apologies for absence: Hannah Buck, Michael Barton, Carol Hellen, Marion Goodman, Michael Goodman

Carolyn Bailey, Partnership Dean, had sent her apologies as she was now unable to attend the meeting.

Non attendance: Sara Buck

Opening Prayers were said.

1. Minutes of the last meeting

- **Approval** was given by all members present for the September Minutes. There were no matters arising.

Review: No issues to discuss, that will not appear at other points in the meeting.

2. Correspondence – none to report

- 3. Time to Change Together:** A meeting is organised for Tuesday, 18th October at 7.00 p.m. at All Saints to discuss issues and changes within the Deanery. Nigel Bacon and Carolyn Bailey (Partnership Dean) will be in attendance to answer questions on plans for the way forward and for All Saints as the Key Mission Church for the Elloe East Deanery. A previous very well attended meeting had taken place at Gedney Church.

4. Vicar's Briefing

- Away Day – all agreed that it had been a good day with some very positive ideas to think about and develop for the future. Those who attended also said it had been held in very pleasant surroundings and would wish to see the church using it again as a venue for such events.
- Michaela Dean had seen the Bishop and discussed what might be the best way forward in terms of her ministry. Decisions will be made after time for reflection.
- Christmas services – there are a number of schools wishing to hold Christingle services in the church. Dates have been finalised for other services during December eg. Crib service, Carol service,
- Other dates for the diary have been noted:
 - Carols in The Crown 6th December at 8.00 p.m. – the pub is willing to give a donation to the Church
 - PCC and Ministry Team Social event at The Crown on 12th January
 - Two dates have been organised for Kim and Sherine to go into William Stukeley Primary School as a recruitment drive for the Junior Choir and offering a taster session in January.

5. Main Items

- **New Noticeboard** – it was agreed to apply to Mary Bass Charity for part funding of the new noticeboard and donations are also being asked for from members of the congregation.
- **Deanery Office rental** – information was presented regarding a backdated bill from SHDC for several thousand pounds to pay VAT for the room rental for the Deanery Administrator. It was explained that the Deanery does not have charitable status, as the individual churches do, so is liable to VAT. All Saints PCC already receive the invoice for telephone charges which are then paid by Paul Arnold on behalf of the Deanery.

Sherine has since been informed that the issue with room rental for the Deanery Administrator is related to business rates not VAT as she was initially told.

PROPOSAL: All Saints PCC would receive the invoices and pay the room rental, which can then be claimed back from the Deanery

Proposed: Kevin Dodd Seconded: Kim Biggs All in favour

This arrangement would be of no financial cost to All Saints and will prevent a need to pay VAT.

The PCC feels it has a good case for not paying the invoice sent by SHDC, who should be asked to write off the backdated bill.

- **Mary Bass Trustees proposed sale of land for wind farm** – this plan, already in the public domain, suggests that an area of land owned by MBT could become a Solar Farm, which would then generate huge funds for years to come. A planning application may be put in soon, but there are now concerns that the Government are bringing in restrictions nationally that would not allow such a development.

- **Events:**

- **An Arts and Crafts event** is being organised for the first weekend in November. It was agreed that only light refreshments – drinks and cake would be served during this event.
- **Craft event** is being organised for the first Saturday in December, with a Lantern Parade, Tree Lighting and Carols around the Tree at the end of the event.
- **Junior Choir** will be going bowling and have lunch out on Saturday, 17th October. This will cost just over £100 and the PCC was asked if this amount could come out of church funds.

Proposed: Sherine Angus Seconded: Jackie Sheldrake All in favour

- **Junior Choir** will be sleeping in the porch on 16th December to raise funds for a local homeless charity in Boston. A speaker from Centre Point in Boston has agreed to come and speak to the choir and further links could be made with them.

- **Junior Choir** – older members were taking a lead in what it means to be an Eco Church. A questionnaire will be distributed to gauge reactions and how to develop the ideas.

6. Safeguarding

Most PCC members are up to date with the basic modules of safeguarding training and DBS, although part of the requirement is also to complete the Domestic Abuse Awareness training.

A link has been sent to all PCC members to access the Domestic Abuse Awareness training.

No incidents had been reported.

7. Reports

- No Treasurer's Report was available.

The Church would have to pay £4.80 a month extra for the cleaner, as her pay is now going through the Diocesan pay system.

- Churchwarden's / Fabric Report - no report was available due to indisposition of the Churchwarden.

8. Review of the meeting

- Question was raised regarding scaffolding in the chancel – this is to help with replacement of stone tablet that had fallen down a while ago.
- Animal Friendly Church – Helen Drake had looked through the information and will require some detailed answers to move the project forward. It was suggested that it would be best to ask Carol Hellen in the first instance.
- A few further questions were raised about PCC membership, which Sherine will take into account when necessary.
- It was agreed to cancel the PCC meeting on 13th December and decide at the November meeting if another date needs to be found.

9. The meeting closed at about 8.20 with prayers.