

Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity, Lambley
Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting
10th March 2021, 7.30pm (Zoom)

In the Chair – Rev Mic Johnson

1. Attendance & Apologies

Present: Rev Mic Johnson, David Chambers, Eleanor Wilson, Chris Hodson, Philip Cox, Frances Newsham, Ann Gorman, Jane Williams.

Apologies: None

2. Minutes of the PCC meeting held 10th February 2021

Item 5.2 Two minor errors to be corrected.

Minutes accepted as true and accurate.

3. Matters Arising from the Minutes

5.2 Lighting of the tower – no further information at present, Mic to follow up.

Frances has communicated with Nottingham Care Village and asked whether there is anything we can do remotely. Frances will ring back in a months' time to see how they are getting on.

4. Items for Discussion

4.1 Church Opening for Public Worship was discussed. It was agreed that we should re-open the church if we can once we reach step 2 of the government pathway on 12th April 2021.

Chris has agreed that he is happy to take bookings for the services.

A further meeting will be held on Tuesday 30th March to discuss again and decide whether or not to open at that time.

4.2 APCM Sunday, 18th April 2021 – the APCM will follow a short morning prayer at 11.45am.

5. Priest-in-Charge

5.1 Safeguarding – Mic will sign the safeguarding form in relation to the charity commission on behalf of the PCC.

6. Ministry and Pastoral Care

6.1 Junior Church – Jane and Nicky distributed half term activity packs which were well received. Junior Church got together on Zoom for Mother's Day.

6.2 Pastoral – Lent material doorstep deliveries by Frances.

6.2 Magazine – the magazine can now be distributed again as the restrictions have now been lifted, however, there are questions over whether there is a requirement going forward for the magazine as there are alternative newsletters being distributed by the Parish Council and notices/information added to the Lambley Facebook page. Times are changing and there are differing views within the PCC.

Mic proposes to open this up to the wider church and to put this on the APCM agenda.

7. Church Business

7.1 Fabric

7.1.1 David confirmed that he has seen a draft copy of the Quinquennial report and the architect has identified some work is needed over the next 5 years.

7.1.2 Heating – Operational but still outstanding work to do which will be progressed as soon as possible.

7.1.2 Electrician – currently off work ill. Waiting a detailed quote but ballpark figure for the fan in the toilet £50.00 and £250.00 for the light in the stairwell – will the PCC authorise this expenditure?

Eleanor said that we are strapped for cash and asked why the lighting is needed. David explained that this is a health & safety issue and it is dangerous to go up in the dark which has happened in the past when the alarm went off.

David proposed that £300.00 is authorized for these works, Frances seconded this proposal and all agreed.

7.2 Finance Financial statement had been circulated.

7.2.1 Eleanor advised that the British Gas contract is due to be renewed in June 2021. She has had a quote from EDF which has reduced the bill considerably and Eleanor proposed that we switch to EDF – all agreed.

7.2.2 David Yates has offered to attend PCC meeting to discuss Parish Share, it was agreed that this would not be necessary.

7.3 Church diary – nothing to report.

7.4 Correspondence – Nothing.

7.5 Any other Business

7.5.1 Jane said that she feels that the church is looking 'shabby' inside and there are a lot of old cushions scattered around. She said that she has been to a church where there are thick pads/runners for pews. We do have savings/a legacy and is it part of our mission to make church more welcoming?

Eleanor agreed with Jane and would rather money is spent on the church than Parish Share and also said that the blue carpet is wrinkly, there is stuff all over the place needs a good spring clean.

Frances also offered to make good quality cushions and has the skills to do this.

PCC agreed for Jane to get prices and for Jane and Frances to discuss options.

7.5.2 Chris also suggested that part of the legacy be used to purchase a new external noticeboard. This needs only be a simple, wooden board which is also waterproof and lockable so that we can advertise what is going on in church.

Jane said that she will also look into noticeboards,

The Meeting closed with Prayer.

Next meeting Tuesday, 30th March 2021 @ 7.30pm by Zoom.

SignedChairman Dated.....