

Barnes Team Ministry
The Parish Church of St Mary Barnes

A meeting of the PCC took place in the Ellerton Room at 7.50pm on Tuesday 9 July 2019, starting with a reflection by Christabel Gairdner on silence.

MINUTES

Present: Peter Boyling, Phil Bladen, Christabel Gairdner, Jo Fraser, Sue Mackworth-Praed, Steve Cox, William Heller, Fouki Heller, Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Patrick Findlater, Rachel Skilbeck, Michael Murison & Judy Gowing

Apologies were received from Cathy Putz, Paul Teverson, Lis Munden & Cate Summers

1. The minutes of the 21 May meeting were signed as a true record.

2. Matters arising – none.

3. Finance

- The Treasurer presented the 6 months management accounts which showed a smaller deficit (£12,000) than budgeted (£16,000). He regarded the situation as reasonably satisfactory.

- it was noted that the Bishop has requested that the collection at James' institution service should go to the Bishop's Lent Appeal.

- Stewardship campaign. Michael reported that so far he had been informed that 12 people had increased their standing orders and he had received 6 new standing orders.

- On a proposal from Patrick Findlater, seconded by Fouki Heller, the PCC resolved that with immediate effect the following people should be signatories to the PCC's bank accounts with CAF Bank Ltd, NatWest Bank plc and Shawbrook Bank Ltd:

Revd James Hutchings

Mr. Philip Bladen

Mrs. Fouki Heller

Mr. Peter Boyling

Mrs. Judy Gowing

Mr. Patrick Findlater

and that any two of the above-named acting together be authorised to make payments or otherwise commit funds from the above accounts.

4. Mission Action Plan. During the interregnum, we have been trying to keep up the momentum of MAP. James will take a view about future activity. Peter suggested that a short briefing note for James should be written by each of the groups and sent to one of the wardens for collation. This has been requested of the leaders.

5. Safeguarding

The recent audit undertaken by the PSOs Lis Munden and Natasha Mold showed no necessity for any changes to the text of the policy, but the Diocese now requires parishes to use a standard template. Therefore the updated policy in the Diocesan format will be available for approval at the next meeting.

Training. It transpires that it is only necessary to undergo retraining every 3 years. The PSOs will offer further plans at the next meeting. Steve Cox recommended online courses on <https://safeguardingtraining.cofeportal.org/>, They take about 1 hour, with questions and certification at the end.

It is now a requirement that details of Safeguarding Officers locally and nationally are clearly displayed on the home page of our website. The wardens will action this.

6. Reports from the committees:

Fabric

Over the summer we expect various works to be carried out by contractors:

- repointing gaps in the mortar on the nave floor, including round the heating grilles. Quote for £261, but this seems very low;
- replastering the inside of the tower wall (£1516);
- pinning a stone in the porch (£149)
- securing the wooden treads to the sanctuary steps
- conservation work to the bottom of the porch main wooden door.

We are seeking diocesan approval for work to restore the gate of the lych gate; and to repair the mortar of parts of the Church Road wall. Action on this is to be led by our parish architect Daniel Martin.

The Hoare family seeks a new memorial stone to commemorate the Hoare family's strong involvement with the church in the 19th century.

The latest review of the church Health and Safety policy and procedures will be put to the PCC for approval in the early autumn.

We are examining whether there is a case for investing in an air source heat pump in order to supplement the gas heating boiler for the nave. This could have environmental and possibly cost advantages.

Smaller improvements we have made in recent weeks include new signs at the churchyard entrances to alert visitors to our CCTV system; new dispensers for hand towels in the toilets, to prevent paper being strewn around; and a new supply of salt stored by the lych gate to spread on icy paths in the winter.

In Peter's forthcoming absence from Barnes, Steve volunteered (with

Rachel as backup) to return the bins to their storage position after the Monday collections.

Kitson Hall

The new blinds, window curtains, stage curtain and wings have now all been installed. They are all lined. The two existing pelmets have been removed and will be replaced by just one pelmet but with additional fixings so that it can be moved easily backwards and forwards to and from its two positions.

Kitson Hall is continuing to do well financially. For the first 6 months of 2019, gross income was £47,903 (£40,177 in 2018) and expenditure was £15,336 (£20,511 in 2018). Therefore, after allowing for the cost of the curtains, net income for the first 6 months is £24,817, compared with £19,666 in 2018, which itself was a good year. Income for the second 6 months will, almost certainly, be substantially lower as only the third term of the year is yet to be paid for.

Deanery Synod

Following the discussion on knife crime at Diocesan Synod, Marian Mollet the lay chair of our Deanery Synod proposed that the Richmond and Barnes Deanery fund a Knife Bin via Word 4 Weapons (<https://www.word4weapons.co.uk/>) to be placed somewhere in the Diocese where it would be most needed. £10,000 is needed to fund a bin for five years, a cost of £750 per church in the deanery.

The Council approved the concept and Patrick's suggestion that the straightforward means to fund it would be from the Youth Fund. Our DS representatives will report back to the Synod at its October meeting, where a decision on the project is to be taken.

7. Future events

Barnes Fair: the church will provide the Bike Sale, all day Café, Pimms tent, Jazz group, Climbing the tower, and a table on the common attracting people to come to the churchyard. CCP will come with children's activities in the afternoon.

There was a request not to hold the sale of children's bikes during working hours.

James' Institution service, 22 July. PCC members and other members of the congregation are asked to bring finger food. Fouki will draft a pewsheet notice.

8. Correspondence. There was a letter with warm thanks for our Parish Share pledge of £180,000 for 2020 from the Archdeacon of Wandsworth, the Ven John Kiddle.

9. AOB

On a proposal from Patrick Findlater, seconded by Michael Murison, the PCC resolved that John Deards be authorised to act as promoter of a lottery at the Barnes Charity Fashion Show, and that Patrick Findlater and Fouki Heller be authorised to certify the return made by John.

Patrick informed the Council that he had offered to act as Treasurer to the Castelnau Centre Project.

The council agreed to a suggestion that in future, PCC meetings will begin with an opportunity for PCC members to declare any interest in an item to be discussed.

There are two vacancies on General Synod. Anyone can stand and potential candidates should contact Phil Bladen for more information.

10. Future meeting dates:

28 Sept Away Day (at Kairos Centre, Roehampton)

PCC: 15 Oct

PCC: 12 Nov

Peter Boyling was thanked very warmly for all his work during the interregnum, chairing all the Standing Committee and PCC meetings as well as everything else he does.

Meeting closed with the Grace at 21.15