

MINUTES OF THE ALL SAINTS' PCC MEETING

held at St Matthew's, Harwell on Tuesday 7 June 2022 at 7.30 pm

St Matthew's, Harwell and All Saints', Chilton PCCs were present together for Items 1-3. For the other items, only All Saints' members were present.

1. Opening & Prayer

Pam Rolls read Psalm 134. Pam remarked that we need to remember that we are in God's presence and we need to ask for His guidance during our meetings.

Pam Rolls led the meeting in prayer.

2. The Rectory

Paper A refers. David Tyler of the Diocese has raised the question of whether the next incumbent should live in the current Rectory or in a cheaper to heat more modern Rectory.

Various PCC members expressed support for the recommendation in Paper A.

Resolution	We the PCCs of Harwell and Chilton have decided that we oppose the sale of the Rectory at this point - given that the various options need careful consideration a) to ensure best use of resources and b) in view of the impact on facilities used by our church ministry (i.e. the land between the church and the Rectory)				
Proposed	Tony Hughes	Seconded	Rebecca Lewis	Passed	Unanimously

Action: Eliza Wheaton to write to David Tyler to relay this decision and to explain the rationale in more detail – including the additional point raised by Gordon Gill about the possibility of a team ministry and that having a minister living in the centre of Harwell village would fit well with there being a vicarage in Great Western Park and a curate's house in Valley Park.

3. Online Sunday services

Eliza Wheaton relayed that the future of the online service on Sundays is under review now that there are only c.15 devices accessing it. Options being considered:

- Option 1: Online service on the first Sunday of the month and festival Sundays only
- Option 2: One person to create the whole service content rather than a collection of people.

Eliza Wheaton informed PCC members that for the next two Sundays (12 and 19 June) the plan is to trial Option 2. For the two Sundays after that (26 June and 3 July) the plan is to revert to the status quo. What will happen after that is not yet decided.

Sid Gale pointed out that the online service is not mentioned at all in the weekly church news email bulletin. This could account for the drop in audience for it.

Action: Eliza Wheaton to ask Deborah Evans to reinstate mention of the online service in the weekly email bulletin

All Saints' PCC only

Present:

Rev Pam Rolls (Chair)
Naomi Gibson (Secretary)
Liz Morris
Alex Reich

Yvonne Sanderson (Churchwarden)
Stuart Gibson (Treasurer)
John Pigott

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Hazel Benton (Vice-chair), Debra Dewhurst, Steve Hale, Pat Moseley, Jan Radford and Judith Russell. Pam Rolls chaired the meeting and welcomed the new members.

2. Minutes of the meeting on 1st March 2022

The minutes of the meeting on 1st March 2022 were unanimously accepted as a true record and signed.

3. Decisions requested of Standing Committee between Meetings- None

4. Matters Arising -None

5. Selection of 2 Parish Representatives to be on the new incumbent interview panel

Paper H was circulated before the meeting. Pam Rolls explained that the Parish Representatives will formally be appointed at the Section 11 Meeting on 23 August. However, it is helpful to agree informally now who they will be, so that the process at the Section 11 meeting can hopefully be routine and so that they can be asked to review Draft 1 of the Parish Profile before this.

It was noted from the paper that usually a male and female are selected and often, but not always, the Churchwardens. Pam Rolls had spoken to the Churchwardens and few other people before the meeting. Judith Russell had said she wished to stand back from being nominated as a Rep.

Yvonne Sanderson was agreeable to be part of the process but also was happy to stand back. There followed a discussion and Alex Reich and Naomi Gibson agreed to represent the Parish but would consult with the Churchwardens throughout the process.

Pam Rolls declared that Naomi Gibson and Alex Reich will therefore be our Parish Representatives, subject to formal confirmation at the Section 11 Meeting.

6. Election of PCC Officers

Vice-chair:	Hazel Benton
Treasurer:	Stuart Gibson
Secretary:	Naomi Gibson

Proposed by John Pigott, seconded by Liz Morris, and elected unanimously.

7. Election of Sub-Committees

Finance:	Clergy, Churchwardens, Treasurer
Fabric:	Judith Russell (Acting Chair), John Pigott and Nick Astley-Cooper

Proposed by Naomi Gibson, seconded Liz Morris, and elected unanimously.

It was suggested that we try to identify additional members for the Fabric Committee.

8. Election of PCC Representatives

Village Hall Management Committee. Currently vacant. Liz will approach someone in the congregation that was suggested. **Action:LM**

Stewardship/Gift Aid Secretary. **Stuart Gibson**

Electoral Roll Officer. **Carol Pigott**

Health and Safety Representative: Currently vacant

Approval of Sidesman

Judith Russell	Yvonne Sanderson
Naomi Gibson	Liz Morris
Alex Reich	Steve Hale
Jane Hale	Hazel Benton
Dave Kerr	Carol Pigott
John Pigott	Andrew Hayes
Audrey Slater	

The above were proposed by Liz Morris, seconded by Alex Reich and elected unanimously.

9. Appointment of people for tasks

This was circulated as Paper D.

It was suggested that the World Mission Group led by Helen Brook be added to the Missions and Charities section. **Action:NG**

Liz Morris has stepped down after many years of coordinating the Mothering Sunday flowers. It was suggested that the role be passed on to either Sarah Barrett or Debra Dewhurst. Liz will speak to them and ask if this is something they would like to do. She will offer tutoring about producing the posies. **Action:LM**

Naomi Gibson would like to step down as coordinator of the Ride and Stride, she will ask a few people if they would like to take this on. **Action:NG**

Proposed by Naomi Gibson, seconded by Stuart Gibson, and elected unanimously.

10. Fundraising

CAP

We have not yet paid anything towards our £2000 a year commitment to the funding of the Didcot and Wallingford CAP Debt Centre. Naomi Gibson has arranged with Judy Goodall that the proceeds of the August Charity Market on the 13th will go to the Debt Centre. A group from CAP will be present on the morning to promote the charity. It was suggested this is well advertised in the weekly Bulletin, Broadsheet, Chilton Chronicle and Facebook. A CAP Sunday on 2nd October is being arranged to also raise the profile of the centre and also the Money Courses we run as a Benefice.

Funding for the Church Administrator post and Children's and Family worker

We considered how we can raise funds to cover the shortfall in Deborah's salary and also the CFWs. It was suggested that the congregation be made aware of the shortfall. Stuart Gibson will produce an entry in the weekly bulletin explaining that there are increased staffing costs in the interregnum with a calculation of a suggested donation from every church member to bridge the gap. He would also promote the Parish Giving Scheme. **Action:SFG**

11. Finance Reports

Stuart Gibson circulated the finance reports before the meeting. (Paper E & F) It was asked where the money held for the Chilton Mutual Aid Fund was going. Stuart Gibson reported that this was allocated to the Didcot Foodbank who were reluctant to take money. It was suggested that food was bought with the £387 and delivered to them.

12. Card Reader Update

Stuart Gibson applied to the Oxford Diocese for a contactless donation device for the church and was successful to receive one of the 70 devices being offered. Stuart Gibson will collect the CollectTinMore at the end of June and learn how it works so that it can be used in the church and village hall.

13. Fabric

Paper G was circulated before the meeting. Judith Russell was thanked for her clear report and the progress she has made on the boundary wall.

The PCC all thought the work on the French Drain looked very good and would like to thank all those who helped with this project.

Alex Reich was thanked for recently polishing the church tiled floor.

14. Proposal for approval concerning the Boundary Wall

Proposal :It is proposed that, subject to satisfactory discussions with the owners of West House, that an informal agreement should be sought to the effect that each house should be responsible for any repairs to their side of the wall and the church should be responsible for any repairs to the church side of the wall.

Proposed by John Pigott, seconded Liz Morris and agreed unanimously

15. Health and Safety -Nothing to report.

16. Review of Easter

Pam Rolls reported that the services at Easter had gone well. Palm Sunday Service was led by Pam Rolls and Jan Radford was well attended, Maundy Thursday, Mid week communion service at Chilton, had mid-teen number of people attending. Harwell had an evening service. Eliza Wheaton led a meditation service for Good Friday and an Easter Vigil was held at Chilton on Easter Saturday with low numbers, but all who attended enjoyed the service.

Rob Thomas and Kate Evans Led the Easter Day Holy Communion with a good message preached by Kate Evans. It was a full church with a few families attending, which was encouraging.

The Easter Trail around the village was enjoyed.

Based on the comment at the last PCC meeting, a small area has been created in the south aisle for children and Judy Goodall has produced some crafts that they can do. Judy Goodall has also produced craft for the children attending the Oasis café.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm with the sharing of the Grace.

Naomi Gibson
PCC Secretary