

The Parish Church of St Mary, Arnold
Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting
Tuesday 14th March 2023
Via Zoom

Attendees: Larrie Thompson Angela Davidge Andy Sands Sylvia Marshall Mary Norris
 Andrea Sands Kate Lake Michael Bolton Alan Langton Chris Baker
 Christine Peet Kirsty Aplin Jake Chaplin Peter Spencer Brian West

Ian opened in Prayer.

1. Apologies

Melissa Watt

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting & matters arising

Christine Peet was in attendance!

Michael Bolton proposed, and Chris Baker seconded that we accept the minutes as a correct record of the meeting on 10th January 2023 Unanimously approved

3. The Compass

(see Robert's notes attached). The current team require more help with processing, producing and distributing the document. There are currently 250 printed copies & 16 digital copies.

Christine Peet said she enjoyed The Compass in its current form with interesting articles. The current subscription year finishes in June. It was suggested that the magazine could be bi-monthly for the next 12 months. This would decrease the amount of work required. The team could work with the wardens to work out the correct distribution cycle. It was agreed any new vicar would need to be involved in any decision regarding the future of the magazine.

Chris Baker said he was happy to help with the photocopying. I was suggested Kristina may be able to help with the processing, however, this would mean increased hours so bi-monthly might be better.

It was unanimously agreed that we move to bi-monthly from the next subscription period in June.

4. Vacancy Update

We had 2 candidates which both Wardens and Arch Deacon agreed were 'not suitable'. The post has been re-advertised from this Monday 13th March. The Closing Date is Tuesday 4th April & Shortlisting will be Thursday 20th April. If there any new candidates, then the PCC Mtg date will be 9th May at 7pm

5. Churchwardens report

It has been suggested that we have a Family Centre Committee. This will be made up of Ron & Karen Price, Churchwarden and (possibly) Graham Allcock. The PCC were in favour of this suggestion. Ian & Angela would speak to Ron, Karen & Graham.

- The Family Centre has a new dishwasher (from Community Kitchen Funds) and a new Freezer (from Burns nights supper profits).
- Pre-school have been spoken to regarding clearing up after each session! They are going to look into the possibility of having another shed – which they will pay for.
- The dis-used door in the small storage room (next to the kitchen) is in need of repair. Michael Thompson is hoping to fix this and money has been provided via Community Kitchen.
- The key safe on the side of the Family Centre is very difficult to see in the dark. Ron is going to move it.
- Graffiti on the Church Wall. This has been reported to and cleaned by Gedling Council.
- Brian has applied for a £600 energy grant from the Diocese
- The front of the Vicarage has been cleaned up by a team from Hammonds – thanks
- The path at the side of Church (towards the Vicarage) has enormous pot holes. Ian will contact Councillor Payne to see if the council can repair them.
- St Mary's Close – there is an issue with a radiator and the agency are dealing with it.
- Chalice – it was agreed to continue with 'dipping' of the wafers – this will continue to be discussed at each PCC
- United service for Easter Day. It had already been agreed to move the April United service to Easter Day (9th April). It has been suggested at 10am would be a better start time FOR THIS SERVICE ONLY. There was debate regarding moving the time, however. It was thought there was enough time to communicate the change.
- Employee remuneration: The Standing Committee has suggested that Church employees (admin/cleaner) received a pay rise to £11ph from 1st April.

Ian Rosillo proposed, and Larrie Thompson seconded that Church employees receive a pay increase to £11ph from 1st April 2023. Unanimously approved

6. Groups

Fabric & Finance

(see Michael's note)

- The PCC were happy with the proposal to hand our cards for everyone that attended services to get up to date info. This will allow the Directory to be checked/up dated and will comply with Data Protection Processes.
- The tech in the Family Centre is now working properly
- There is an issue with the pulpit speaker – Andy will take a look

- We have agreed already as a PCC to get a Contactless Card Reader, however, the Diocese are issuing 50 for free and Michael is going to apply. Michael confirmed that it would be like the one we had agreed on. We need to formally approve this application.

Michael Bolton proposed, and Larrie Thompson seconded that we apply for a free Contactless Card Reader from the Diocese. Unanimously approved

Chris Baker asked about the North Aisle Electrics. Ian will chase this up.

There have been no Synod meetings since the previous PCC (Deanery synod is on 16th March)

7. Finance Report

- We had a gift of £10K
- This leaves us with a small surplus of £1.5K
- We are paying our Parish Share but it's £1K more than last year!
- The accounts will be available shortly and will come round for approval via E-mail ahead of the APCM.
- Chris Baker said we need to remind people there is a plate by the door

8. AOB

Defibrillator - it had been suggested that we have a Defib in Church/Family Centre. Outside the Family Centre seemed the best idea as it could be accessed by the community and the nearby playing field. Ian said they were over £1K. It is thought we could apply for funding from the local council. Peter Spencer knows several charities that help specifically with Defibs and will pass the details to Ian.

Activity Week (31st July – 4th August) – Andrea asked that people think about volunteering for this event. We need lots of volunteers to make it work!

The next meeting will be the APCM on Thursday 27th April. It will be Chaired by Area Dean Jon Allister.

Brian West gave his apologies

PCC

2nd term finishes – Melissa Watt

1st Term finishes and is happy to stand again: Sylvia Marshal, Kirsty Aplin & Peter Spencer.

There is one space for 3 years and 1 space for 2 years

Deanery Synod

Kate Lake & Christine Peet are happy to stand again for Deanery Synod.

Larrie Thompson will step down.

There is one space for 3 years. Anyone currently on the PCC can stand for this position too.