

PARISH OF GREAT MISSENDEN WITH BALLINGER AND LITTLE HAMPDEN

Minutes of the PCC meeting held at the Church on Tuesday 18th July 2023

Present

The Rev'd Malcolm Chalmers (Chair MC)	Graeme Petrie-Brown (GPB)
David Harris (Vice-Chair DH)	Guy Priestley (GP)
Rosemary Ladd (Secretary RL)	Stephen Tanno (ST)
Laurence Clark (LC)	Val Withams (VW)
Sally Clark (SC)	Brenda Harris (Churchwarden)
Jamie Gairdner (JG)	
Chris Nickless (CN)	

By invitation (non-voting) - Martyn Green (MG), Mike O'Farrell (MOF), Sue O'Farrell(SOF)
Harriet Lyons

1. Apologies and recognition of the Chair

Apologies were received from Anne Ellis, Christopher Figg, Philippa Howells and Wendy Harris

The Rev'd Malcolm Chalmers was recognised as the Chair

2. Confirmation that the meeting was quorate

The meeting was declared quorate, there being 12 members of the PCC present.

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd May 2023 were approved.

4. Matters arising

There were no matters arising which would not be covered later in the Agenda.

5. Correspondence

None had been received.

MC had written to The Chiltern Way Academy expressing thanks for the work which the pupils have carried out clearing the old churchyard.

6. Finance

MG reported that Harriet Lyons had done another excellent job and the last six months figures were as follows -

Budget	Variance	Actual
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Income		58387		
48355	+10032	Teas +1562	Fees+2643	Other
Revenue - eg Church Lettings/Use of Church +4093				
Spend		59090	67698	
+ 8608	Energy spend lower than budget	7715 (heavy budget....		
of the spend of £59090, £36000 is Parish Share				
Deficit		(703)		
(19343)	+18640			

If teas continue to do well for another 12 weeks and nothing big hits re repairs etc.....Stonework repairs hopefully covered from Friends and Fabric Fund, and the Autumn fundraisers do well we may not end up with a large deficit, but it may still be a struggle to break even.

The following collections had been made and distributed -

Save the Children (Sweaters) £139.35, Motor Neurone Disease £165, Turkey Earthquake Appeal (via DEC) £266.40

7. Safeguarding

MOF reported -

The pocket guides mentioned at the last PCC have been purchased and distributed. The renewed Sfeeguarding Policies have been placed on the notice boards of each of the three Churches

The Dashboard continues to be updated as we complete the various tasks that safeguarding required.

Since the last update, 22 people have now completed the Foundation Courses. 13 people still have to complete the course of whom 6 are on the PCC

Since the last update 3 people have received their DBS with 3 still to complete the process.

8. Oldham Hall

SC gave a comprehensive report (which will be attached to these minutes for the record. She highlighted -

Andrew Edwards had retired as booking secretary and Ali Chryssides had taken over. A Cream Tea had been organised to thank Andrew for his years of work. New locks for the Hall had been discussed.

Various repairs were under control

SC indicated her wish to retire from management of the Hall as soon as practical.

MC wished to record thanks to SC and LC for all the time and effort they have spent on maintaining the Oldham Hall.

9a. Fabric

SC gave a comprehensive report (which will also be attached to these minutes for the record).

Brenda Harris as Churchwarden had become Chair of the Fabric Committee.

A letter of thanks had been sent to Mary Morgan for her contribution of £600 towards the treating and repainting of the external Church doors. An Archdeacon's certificate for this work was awaited.

A grant of £450 had been received for in depth analysis of the medieval wall

painting in the Church.

The next tranche of stonework was due to begin at the end of July. The Church Architect was pleased with the standard of work by Corinthian Stone.

A Quinquennial Inspection was due in August.

SC asked for PCC approval to remove a collapsed bench on south side of Church.

Approved

9b. Fabric forward

ST reported re the future plans for the Church building -

Appointment of Principal Designer/Architect was confirmed as Acanthus Clews.

Appointment of other members of the design team (MEP Engineer etc) will follow after the initial ideas are developed and understood.

The first step of our journey is to prepare a Statement of Need. All team leaders have been contacted for their input.

PH has joined the Fabric Forward Team and her support is highly valued. PH and VW will be the principals responsible for writing, collating and producing the Statement of Need.

The congregation and community as a whole will be invited to give input into the Statement of Need. Announcements in Church, invitation via the website and through information released in The Source and other usual places, will be the way to reach out and seek congregation and community input.

The target is to have a 'draft' document by early-mid September and complete it by the end of September.

10. Outreach

SOF reported on events which were planned -

a. 2nd September - Concert by Orlando Joplin - cellist

b. Planned Arts Festival had been postponed until the Spring

c. Lisa Wormell and Anne Guiver were planning to start coffee for school parents on Thursdays and Fridays in the Oldham Hall in September

d. Christmas Tree Festival - PCC approval was sought for all takings to be split 50/50 between The Wycombe Refugee Partnership and the Church.

PCC agreed.

New leaders would be needed after 2023 Festival if it was to carry on.

11. Young People

It was hoped to involve the school more and consideration was being given to employing a part time youth worker.

Children would be involved in a more formalised Crib Service, Harvest, Carols and Christingle. A St Francis Day Service to be considered at school and a service of blessing of animals.

12. Standing Committee Report

a. DH reported that employment contracts were still being worked on for Wendy Harris and Janet Chalmers, also for Ali Chryssides And Elizabeth Hubach

b. Returning to taking Communion at the altar rail had been without problem.

c. The move of the Parish Office was still under discussion but the Baptist Minister had indicated that she would like to think that the Office would be leaving the Baptist Church before Christmas.

d. Confirmed that independent insurance was not necessary for people booking the Church for event

13. Future PCC meetings

The next PCC meeting was planned for Tuesday September 19th.

14. Any Other Business

a. VW gave an impassioned plea for decision on not allowing dogs to attend Church services in the light of her daughter's problems. It was agreed that a definite decision must be made - Standing Committee to discuss further.

b. Harvest Festival Services - these to be at St Peter and St Paul on 24 Sept, at Ballinger on 1 Oct and at Little Hampden on 8 Oct.

c. The Standing committee to discuss further the location of the defibrillator when acquired. Dr Jo Withers would be invited to speak to the PCC in September - Action RL

d. CN asked that a donation be given to A Rocha and it was suggested that a special service should be held to raise the funds.

e. MG raised the question of whether as a Church we should be getting electricity supply from Ecotricity (a firm which supports Just Stop Oil and ExtinctionRebellion) suggested that we should look for another supplier and suggested we ask other parishes from where they got their power.

f. It had been announced that Harriet Lemon (at present Parish Office Manager) was leaving in August and would be suitably thanked at a later date.

There being no further business the meeting closed with a prayer.