

PARISH OF GREAT MISSENDEN WITH BALLINGER AND LITTLE HAMPDEN

Minutes of the PCC Meeting at the Church on Tuesday 9th August 2022 at 7.30pm

Present

The Revd Malcolm Chalmers	MC (Chair)
Rosemary Ladd	RL (Secretary)
Graeme Petrie-Brown	GPB
Laurence Clark	LC
Jamie Gairdner	JG
Margaret Gordon	MG
John Jeapes	JJ
Tricia Neale	TN (ex officio)
Chris Nickless	CN
Sue O'Farrell	SOF
Guy Priestley	GP

By invitation (non-voting) Sally Clark (SC), Anne Ellis (AE), Martyn Green (MG), Mike O'Farrell (MOF), Val Withams (VW),

Also in attendance - Slava Miles

Apologies

David Harris, Philippa Howells, Christopher Figg, Stephen Tanno, Wendy Harris, Helen Biggerstaff

Minutes

1. Apologies and recognition of the Chair

The Chair was recognised and apologies were noted.

2. Confirmation that the meeting is quorate

The meeting was declared quorate, there being 10 members present.
Sally Clark volunteered to rejoin the PCC and her offer was gratefully accepted

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2022 were approved with the correction of date of the Bob Chilcott Come and Sing event being corrected to 23rd July.

4. Matters arising

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

5. Correspondence

No correspondence was reported.

6. Fabric Report

- a. War grave signs in the Churchyard - CN reported that no further communication had been received.
- b. Bell Tower - Chris Potter had prepared a Faculty application for the DAC
- c. The rainwater repairs had now been completed to prevent the gutters overflowing had now been completed.
- d. LC reported that the stonework on the tower would ideally take a further week

more than initially expected and that it was advisable to go ahead with this to prevent bad weather damage during the winter. This would cost another £2600 + VAT.

It was **agreed** that this work be carried out. A £5000 grant from the Bucks Historic Churches trust had been received which would cover some of the total cost of £13000 +VAT. It was **agreed** that the Friends should be approached for a donation. MG said he could apply to reclaim VAT.

- e. The smart water which had been applied to the lead roof 5 years ago to prevent theft now needed redoing. SC had ordered the new smart water pack and it was **agreed** that the supplier would be asked to apply it.
- f. CN reported that the Parish Council had asked for two benches in memory of The Revd Dunford might be moved from the village to the Churchyard. CN said that to move these benches would need professional help as it would be a heavy job. **Agreed** that this would need careful consideration.

7. **Oldham Hall**

SC gave a detailed report on the need to repair the disabled toilet in the Hall. She requested approval for an amount of approx £1100 to complete the job. It was **agreed** that this could be spent.

8. **Finance**

MG outlined the current state of finances as per the schedule circulated just previously to the meeting.

9. **Outreach**

The Bob Chilcott Come and Sing day in July had been poorly attended but just broke even financially.

There is to be a cello concert by Orlando Jopling on September 3rd. Tickets £15

On 10th September there is to be a children's party/picnic

A Science Festival is to be held on weekend of 14th/16th October

Christmas Tree Festival Dec 3rd and 4th

Cream teas have been successful and provided much needed income.

10. **Safeguarding**

MOF outlined the Safeguarding Training proposal from the Diocese (attached)

The PCC were asked to agree to the questions at the end of the notes.

It was **agreed** that rather than individuals doing the required safeguarding training online, that a trainer would be booked to give a session for anyone involved.

It was **agreed** that -

The Parish Safeguard Officer should be MOF

The Manager and Reviewer of the system should be Alan Mustoe

The Administrator/Verifier should be Harriet Lemon (Parish Secretary)

11. **Future PCC Meetings**

The dates of September 20th, November 8th and December 13th were suggested - to be confirmed.

12. **AOB**

a. The Bucks Historic Churches Ride and Stride Event will take place on September 10th. RL offered to provide refreshment in the Church for riders.

b. Chalice Rota - this needs approving by the PCC. The following people are currently on the rota - Eddie Howells, Martyn Green, Richard and Sue Hawkins, Stephen Tanno, Carola Clark, Tricia Neale, Nevil Coulson. David and Brenda Harris, Sue and Mike O'Farrell, Elizabeth Webster.

- c. Cream Teas - after short discussion it was agreed that the entry system should revert to pre-Covid arrangement.
- d. Covid arrangements for Communion - this would be discussed further at the next meeting.
- e. Science Festival - arrangements for this were underway - it was noted that more advertising was needed than had been the case for the last one.
- f. It had been suggested that a rail should be installed on the Chancel steps to help anyone who has difficulty going up the steps - **agreed** MC and SOF would discuss further action.
- g. Ballinger - AE reported that a new fire door was required into the vestry at St Mary's this would cost approx £2500. A Harvest Supper was suggested to help raise funds. MG reported that St Mary's had enough money in their account to pay for it but that it should be reported as a repair rather than a replacement which would negate the necessity for a Faculty.
- h. The Church Website revamping was under control.
- i. Operation London Bridge (in the event of the Queen's death) had been discussed with the

Parish Council and it was agreed that the Church would be the appropriate place for memorial with a picture of HM and flowers could be laid by the War Memorial. A book of condolence would also be available. A service would need planning.

MC thanked the PCC for their efforts in keeping the Parish running smoothly during the long interregnum and also thanked everyone for his excellent Installation service and the welcome given to him and Janet.

Meeting closed with the Grace at 8.50pm