

PARISH OF GREAT MISSENDEN WITH BALLINGER AND LITTLE HAMPDEN

Minutes of the PCC Meeting at the Church on Tuesday 8th November 2022

Present

The Rev'd Malcolm Chalmers	Vicar	Sue O'Farrell	SOF
Rosemary Ladd	RL-Secretary	Guy Priestley	GP
Graeme Petrie-Brown	GPB	Wendy Harris	WH
Laurence Clark	LG	Helen Biggerstaff	HB
Sally Clark	SC	Philippa Howells	PH
Jamie Gairdner	JG	David Harris	DH
John Jeapes	JJ	Stephen Tanno	ST
Chris Nickless	CN		

By invitation (non-voting) Martyn Green (MG), Alan Mustoe (AM), Harriet Lyons (HL)

1. **Apologies and recognition of Chair**

The Rev'd Malcolm Chalmers was recognised as Chair and apologies were received from Margaret Gordon and Anne Ellis.

2. **Confirmation that the meeting is quorate**

The meeting was declared quorate there being 15 members present.

3. **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9th August 2022 were approved with the correction of the title of Harriet Lemon as Office Administrator.

4. **Matters arising**

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

5. **Correspondence**

No correspondence was reported.

6. **Finance**

The meeting welcomed Harriet Lyons who is dealing with some of the financial aspects of the Parish and who is now a signatory on the CAF bank account.

MG reported

The PCC were asked to approve informing the Diocese of the payment of £63,387.00 Parish Share for 2022 and similar for 2023.

**Agreed
Action MG**

The Financial Report (circulated on 6.11 22) was accepted in its entirety. (Copy will be attached to the final Minutes for the record).

MG agreed to act as Independent Examiner for Little Kingshill Baptist Church and Ed House has agreed to act as Independent Examiner for our Parish.

7. **Fabric**

a. War Grave signs - CN asked for PCC approval for the installation of CWGC signs in the Churchyard, indicating the presence of War Graves

**Agreed
Action CN**

b. Stonework on the tower - a quote for the next tranche of work is awaited from Jon Suttle.

c. A 5 yearly electrician inspection of all the electrics in the Church has been carried out.

d. SC gave a detailed presentation from the Fabric Committee outlining thoughts on the future configuration of the Church. The main concern was heating and the fact that the

present boiler was not going to last for too many years. Decisions would need to be made on the future method of heating the Church (SC's report will be attached to the final copy). The recent breakdown of the boiler necessitated obtaining a spare part from Germany. These spare parts are not readily available and it was suggested that 2 or 3 extra parts should be

purchased in readiness for future possible breakdowns. **Agreed**

- e. WH reported that in the light of the quinquennial inspection due next year, new keys had been made for the three main doors of the Church. These doors would have to be signed as fire doors and tables should not be stored in front of the south door. GP agreed to re-label the tables. **Action GP**

WH reported a leak in the choir vestry caused by overflowing gutters - it was suggested that the gutters on the Church should be cleaned on a regular basis.

8. **Oldham Hall**

SC gave a detailed report on the Hall as per the attached (will be attached to the final copy)

9. **Mission**

Reported that the committee had ceased to function. DH was keen that this should be reinstated and that the various sub committees should meet and report back to the PCC.

10. **Outreach**

SOF reported on the outcome of the cello concert by Orlando Joplin which had raised around £1300.

Cream teas had been successful and in spite of a reduced season had raised £7300 = it was agreed that next year teas would be served on Easter Sunday and then recommence on a regular basis from the beginning of May.

The Science Festival had been a success although more advertising could have helped attendance. The Spooktacular party for the children on October 31st had been a success.

Various events were planned for the future and Jane Ray had some community projects in hand. Thanks were offered to everyone who had been involved in all recent events.

11. **Safeguarding**

AM reported on the need for PCC members to take DBS courses and that he was suggesting some dates for courses to be run for any members of the congregation as well as PCC members. These dates, in the New Year, would be circulated in due course.

12. **Future PCC Meetings**

The next meeting will be on December 13th in **the Oldham Hall**. It was suggested that in future meetings might not always be held on Tuesdays.

13. **AOB**

- a. PH reported that she had had a meeting with the Vicar and other youth leaders to get together ideas for increasing children's activities. More volunteers to work with the children are needed.
- b. The Vicar reported that many local churches have reverted to the 'Common Cup' at the Eucharist and that he felt it was time that our Church should be doing the same. He was considering how to bring this about.
The Vicar also reported that he would be preaching from the pulpit in the future.
- c. The Parish Office has to leave its present site in Wright Funeral Services. Several future sites have been discussed. The Vicar would discuss with Wrights the possibility of deferring the move until after Christmas.
- d. CN complained about the condition in which the florists from the previous week's wedding had left the Church. SOF said she had written to the florist about this (subsequently SOF has received an apology).
- e. A new visitors book was needed - DH said he was investigating this.

The Meeting closed with a prayer at 9.55pm