

# Minutes of Zoom Meeting of St. Paul's PCC

## Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Present:** Father Gregory, Anne Mullis(churchwarden), Jeanne James (churchwarden), Katherine Harrison (Treasurer), Sue Biles, Gill Cox, Liz Evans, Shelagh Hansford, David Harrison , June Hornby, Ann Isbell, Rob Pask, Chris Waight, Susan Wray.

The meeting began with an opening prayer after which Fr Gregory welcomed those who were new to the PCC; Liz Evans, David Harrison, Sue Biles, Susan Wray and Chris Waight.

There were no apologies.

- 1. Minutes** of the last meeting were approved.
- 2. Matters arising.** There is as yet no concrete news about the organ. Fr Gregory and two organists had a meeting with the organ builders. They should come back with a full report soon but it will be a big job. Small repairs might only last five years. If we opt for the full job we would have to wait two years before they could start and then they would need to remove it completely. We can expect it to cost in excess of £100,000.  
Fr Gregory will send out copies of the report when it arrives.
- 3. Elections:**
  - PCC secretary:** Gill Cox - nominated by Shelagh Hansford, seconded by Liz Evans. Agreed.
  - Treasurer:** Katherine Harrison - nominated by June Hornby, seconded by Ann Isbell. Agreed, one abstention.
  - Vice Chair:** Anne Mullis - nominated by Gill, seconded by Shelagh. Agreed.
  - Electoral roll officer:** Gill – proposed by Liz, seconded by Susan Wray. Agreed
  - Sidesmen :** Father Gregory suggested that all those on the present list should be elected en bloc. Agreed.
  - Co-option.** Last year we co-opted Fr Bruce and Fr Tony. This year Fr Gregory proposed that Katherine should be co-opted for one year to give her a vote. Seconded by Gill. Agreed.
- 4. Parish administrator job review.** As Lee is on furlough, we can't review her job description at the moment.
- 5. Finances**

Katherine gave her report. Our deanery share for this year is £42,826 of which we have paid £26,000 so far. The balance is due before the end of December.

Income and expenditure are both down but things could be worse. The donation from the Trustees and last year's legacy has helped to keep us in reasonably good financial health. However, we must keep funds in reserve to pay for the upcoming necessary repairs.

**6. CCTV and Intruder alarm.** We have now had two quotes.

*West Country Security Systems* in High Wycombe: £948 for 1 CCTV camera plus 2 motion sensors,

*SW-IT* based in Weymouth: £1591.20 for 2 cameras, (one in the chancel and the other in the Lady Chapel) with built in motion sensor and alarm.

After discussion it was decided unanimously to accept the second quote, which, although more expensive gave us more and had the advantage of being a local firm and has been personally recommended.

**7. Subcommittees.**

We will now have more sub-committees than in the past. PCC members were asked to choose which committee to go on, and we would then co-opt members of the congregation. (See attached list)

**8. Any Other Business.**

**a. Standing Committee.** New regulations mean that we must have a standing committee. This should consist of the incumbent, churchwardens and two others.

Susan Wray. Nominated Liz Evans, seconded Rob

Gill Cox. Nominated June, seconded Shelagh. Unanimous

**b. Christmas services.** It will be impossible to have Midnight Mass because of numbers, taking into consideration the number of visitors we get for these two services.

Father Gregory will do online services, involving the school, and perhaps do a virtual Christingle as well.

A vote was taken about Midnight Mass with only one person in favour.

However the church will be open at midnight (with volunteers) with the crib on show.

Christmas Day morning services will go ahead as usual.

**c. Parish Share.** Fr. Gregory asked if we should pay the remainder of the parish share or not. After discussion it was decided that we should, but that Katherine would wait until late December just in the unlikely case that the Deanery decide to wipe any debts.

**d. Safe Sleep .** Due to Covid restrictions, Safe Sleep will probably be different this year. The team is in talks with the Riviera Hotel about shelter, but is asking churches to provide meals. Susan Wray will cook, and Gill & Tony Cox will deliver the meals to wherever they need to be. Susan asked if she can use the parish kitchen and equipment.

**e. Food Bank.** Food Banks are needed now more than ever. Because of lock-down and changes in our services, our donations have gone down, so we must advertise it more. Gill will deliver donations to the Weymouth Food Bank.

The meeting ended with a closing prayer at 8.04.