



## Barnes Team Ministry

A meeting of the PCC took place in church at **7.30 pm** on 21 September 2021

### MINUTES

1.	<p>Present: James Hutchings, Peter Boyling, Fouki Heller, Phil Bladen, William Heller, Steve Cox, Paul Teverson, Cate Summers, Lis Munden, Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Rachel Skilbeck, Patrick Findlater, Sue Mackworth-Praed, Annie Sullivan, Michael Murison and Judy Gowing, Apologies were received from Christabel Gairdner, Cathy Putz and Michael Ross-McCall Peter Siddall was in attendance</p>
2	<p>The minutes of July meeting were approved, with the addition of Joan's apologies. <b>Action: Judy</b></p>
3	<p>Matters arising The small section of the parish which is beyond Beverly Brook has now been moved to All Saints, Putney Common, which is much closer.</p>
4	<p>The Council spent 30 minutes preparing for our Away Day under Peter Siddall's direction, by discussing:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What positive thing relating to faith did you find personally and in wider society during lockdown and how might these be sustained in future:</li> <li>2. What did you find most difficult about lockdown personally and in society (in terms of faith and more broadly) and how might the church address these?</li> <li>3. What things did the parish do well during the pandemic which we might build on?</li> <li>4. What things could we have done better and how might we rectify these?</li> </ol>
5	<p>Finance The sale of Boileau Road had realised £659,000. A subgroup of the Financial Strategy Group, comprising Patrick Findlater, Iain Cowell and Michael Ross-McCall, is looking at the detailed investment issues, including developing an investment policy, and will report back with recommendations to the November meeting. Members discussed robustly the contrasting merits of financial investments or property, the deposit account in which the funds will reside until November, and whether any of the funds should be used for purposes other than ministry costs. Steve suggested the proceeds be split between more accounts to reduce risk in the short term, but Patrick said he did not want to do this.</p> <p>James highlighted two other items from the Financial Strategy Group meeting. First, that the reserves policy should be simplified to one figure covering all of the church's different funds. This will also be discussed at the November meeting. Secondly there will be a new stewardship campaign in Lent 2022. <b>Action: Judy (Nov PCC)</b></p>

6	<p>Fabric Committee</p> <p>There has still been no decision from the Diocese on the Hoare Memorial.</p> <p>Fire protection: The PCC had resolved, by email, on 8 August, that they approved the improvement of the church fire alarm system, accepting Fireline's quote of £5271 plus VAT for the works to install six wireless call points and a two zone system and they sought list B approval under faculty jurisdiction; and to replace the automatic link to the fire brigade by a wireless system, accepting the Fireline quote of £275 plus VAT plus annual maintenance costs of £181 plus VAT.</p> <p>The decking outside the Garden Store has been replaced.</p> <p>A tree in the neighbouring garden is pushing against the north boundary fence, causing it to lean in. The owners have agreed to remove the tree.</p> <p>The Trippett bench outside the Office door has deteriorated badly, and a decision is needed as to whether to replace it. All other benches have been treated to protect them.</p> <p>Peter asked members to raise any other fabric issues with him.</p>
7	<p>Environmental group</p> <p>Franck Kouamen and Chris Tomlinson attended the last meeting and are experienced in energy-saving modes of lighting and heating. Short term there was no quick solution to the main church power supply. There are a few other savings that could be made to the Hall: new heating control system and radiator valves, secondary double-glazing and further ceiling insulation.</p>
8	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Lis reported that we need to revisit the risk assessments so the heads of each area should be preparing them. Training can be done online more easily now. Lis and Natasha will have a list of when more training is needed. It was agreed that more First Aid training would be useful as well as Mental Health training; Annie has a contact.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Lis/Annie</b></p>
9	<p>Kitson Hall</p> <p>William reported that most regular hirers had now returned to the Hall and the figures for the first 8 months of 2021 showed a surplus of £7780.</p> <p>During the Summer, further ballet bars were installed, the strip lighting in the large hall was replaced with LED fittings and a deep clean of the kitchen was carried out at a total cost of about £1,500.</p> <p>The fire alarm is being upgraded at the end of October at a total cost of just over £5,000, including a new fire alarm panel, connecting the small hall to the main system, additional smoke and heat detectors and connecting the system to a central monitoring service. No other major expenditure is anticipated in 2021.</p> <p>Barnes Community Players are reluctant to sign an agreement, possibly because there is no-one in overall charge to take such responsibility. The Kitson Hall Committee is considering charging for use of the storage space which BCP has occupied for many years. They have agreed the Safeguarding policy. Annie advised that it is possible to have an enforceable agreement without the other party having signed. Any correspondence should say an agreement is in place and remove 'subject to contract'. William was thanked for all his work on this and many other issues re Kitson Hall.</p>
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>Room hires rates have not been raised for many years. BCA is now charging £15/hour; we are charging £8. This was referred to the Standing Committee.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b>Action: Judy (SC agenda)</b></p>

**Dates of future PCC meetings:** *(please note additional dates below)*

16 October (Sat) Away Day

30 November

1 February

22 March

12 May (APCM)