

Barnes Team Ministry
The Parish Church of St Mary Barnes

A meeting of the PCC TOOK place in the Ellerton Room
on Tuesday 15 October 2019

MINUTES

1. Present: Rev James Hutchings, Patrick FIndlater, Rachel Skillbeck, Annie Sullivan, Cate Summers, Cathy Putz, Sue Mackworth-Praed, Fouki Heller, Phil Bladen, William Heller, Joan Wheeler-Bennett, Peter Boyling, Lis Munden, Judy Gowing, Jo Fraser
2. Apologies were received from Paul Teverson, Christabel Gairdner, Michael Murison, Steve Cox
2. The minutes of July meeting and Away day meeting were signed as a correct record.
3. Matters arising - none
4. Finance
 - The Treasurer requested that the Council approve his application for a debit card on the NatWest account to enable him to manage the account electronically, as required by the bank. He will be the only signatory and it will not be used for any other purpose. This was proposed by Fouki Heller and seconded by Lis Munden. All in favour.
 - Our unrestricted General Fund income at nine months is above budget and last year, but only because of the £10,000 grant we received in January, and the large surplus from the sale of bicycles at Barnes Fair. The latter will result in an increased commitment for charitable giving, not yet accounted for. Giving otherwise is a bit below budget and last year. The Fashion Show should show profits of around £10,000. Our CCLA investment has done well despite the vagaries of international stock markets. General Fund expenses are overall very close to budget. The only significant variations are the unexpected recruitment costs, very high organ/piano costs and a large print bill from special services. The only noteworthy feature of the schedule of movements in other funds is the continued excellent results from Kitson Hall. £27,403 is very good at this stage, although not quite as good as last year, The Hall does not do well in the final quarter, since all fees for classes are paid by September.

The PCC agreed to transfer the £50,000 reserve held in the General Fund once the Children, Youth and Families Worker had been appointed.

Phil updated the PCC on the Stewardship campaign. A further £10,000 had been raised which was greatly appreciated but well under the target of £20,000. There will be another campaign next year. Joan

Wheeler-Bennett suggested that we should advertise the rough figure of £20/week as a guideline.

5. Safeguarding

- On a proposal from Cate Summers, seconded by Annie Sullivan, the Council approved of updated Safeguarding policy. All in favour. We are now using the Diocesan policies, which are very similar to our previous policy.
- Lis and Natasha hope to run another training day on Sat 29 February 2020 (provisional). There needs to be 25 people attending to be viable.
- In future, anyone in charge of an event or activity needs to complete a Risk Assessment. This will be discussed further at the next meeting.

6. Children, Youth and Families Worker.

Advertisements have been published. Closing date is Wednesday, 23 October. Interviews and trials will be on 3 November. Interview panel will include Cate Summers + 1 other Sunday Club leader, Rector, Churchwardens and the Youth worker from Holy Trinity Barnes.

7. Church opening

The Council resolved to continue with this project and to continue investigating how best to implement it. The options need to be discussed with the Daily Friends.

8. Reports from committees, including

- Fabric

Work recently done in the nave and tower, replacing the plaster and replacing broken mortar round the heating grills. There is a meeting with DAC next week to discuss a possible memorial plaque in the Langton Chapel. The Lych gates will be repaired in near future and the south boundary wall needs repairs.

• Piano

A second opinion has been given by the company who overhauled the piano last time. It is their opinion that it requires 'voicing' and replacing the hammer board (at a cost of approx £2,000). With a regular annual service, this should bring it back to peak condition for a piano of this age. Phil will consult the Director of Music.

- Kitson Hall

The neighbours have permission to demolish and re-build the party wall. A meeting between the surveyors and William Heller planned for this week has been postponed due to an OFSTED visit to the Ark Nursey School.

- Deanery Synod.

There were discussions about:

- GlassDoor. James spoke about his sleep out with about 300 other people which raised around £200,000. He hopes others will join him next year.

- Knife bin project – most churches in the Deanery have agreed to contribute. The location has not yet been decided.
- The Parish Support Fund has raised £1.3 million.

9. Christian Aid collections

Brian and Celia Cleave have been coordinating the Christian Aid collections for 5 years. Brian is retiring as Treasurer and Celia will continue as overall organiser for 1 year.

The PCC resolved to continue to support Christian Aid and support the door to door collections, with reservations about longer term future. Patrick offered to cover the Treasurer's job if no-one else volunteered.

10. Any other business

James circulated a Rector's report, with successful recent events and future dates highlighted.

He encouraged the council to spread the word that he is keen and happy to visit people or organisations.

The PCC resolved to put a paragraph in the pewsheets after each meeting describing the major issues.

Meeting closed with compline at 21.36

Future meeting dates:

PCC: 12 Nov

PCC: 4 Feb

PCC: 17 March

ACPM: 30 April (prov)

PCC: 19 May

PCC: 14 July