

**MINUTES OF ST GEORGE'S PCC MEETING HELD ON
MONDAY 17TH JULY 2023 AT 8.00PM IN CHURCH
FOLLOWING THE 7.30PM EUCHARIST**

Present: Chris Gadd (Churchwarden)(Chair), RevLiz Quinn, Sarah Canham (Deanery Synod), Patricia Byrne, June Diaper, Marian Haughton, Sue Hodgens, Dawn Hyett, Anne Morgan, Mo Peters, Alice Pitney, Sara Schillemore, Lynn Winter, Sara Pask (Treasurer), Jane Cook (Secretary)

Co-opted: Malcolm Brewer (Hon Assistant Treasurer)

		<u>ACTION</u>
1.	<p>Apologies for absence: Fr Colin Lawlor, Rosy Stone (Churchwarden), Candy Williams (Deanery Synod)(Co-opted). Jane has received an email from Elaine Shimbart dated 21st June advising that she is standing down from PCC, F&F and Social & Fundraising for the time being due to other commitments.</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of last PCC meeting on Monday 9th May 2023 The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p>	
3.	<p>Matters Arising <u>Page 4, Item 9b)</u> – Chris said he has the numbers from David Cain but has not had time to do anything with them yet. <u>Architect</u> – Jane asked Chris if we have an Architect yet as the Diocese keep asking. Chris said we do and he will send me the details.</p>	CG CG
	<p><u>Rev Liz re Care and Share</u> Rev Liz invited the PCC to consider how we spoke to people. That we as a PCC should model good practice. We needed to consider this in a collective sense, as the body of Christ. Rev Liz suggested that we could reflect on this by using a current example, namely our response to the lady who runs Care and Share. Care and Share, is a home run mini food bank run by a lady and her husband in Stakes Hill Road who have been talking to Chris about using the back kitchen and committee room in the Hall as storage for the food they collect which they are currently storing in their garage. This relates to a discussion that took place at the recent Church Hall meeting when this was discussed and passed. They would use the outside door into the back kitchen and a lock would be put on the Committee room door. The lady and a helper arrived on a Monday 2 weeks ago to sort out the old kitchen and on the Tuesday she came to do some more work in the committee room which was being used by a different activity and she went home and thought about whether this was an appropriate place to hold her Care and Share food group because as a community we were not welcoming to her so they have decided not to have the Care and Share here or anywhere to do with St George's. Do we want to go back to them and offer them the opportunity again? The PCC were then given the opportunity to ask questions and give their thoughts. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Church Hall Committee at the meeting had thought they had agreed to meeting with Care and Share to find out their exact needs before agreeing to anything. • Chris said no-one went back to him and queried the minutes. • They should never have been allowed to go through the CDs/DVDs </p>	<u>ACTION</u>

		<p>and books which were donated by members of the congregation to be sold at church events to raise money for the church. All the CDs/DVDs and a lot of books were thrown in the bin on the Monday and collected on Tuesday morning. Although it was agreed this area needed sorting out this should have been done by church members, particularly Janet Johnson who has looked after the books for many years.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chris said he held up his hands to this and agreed that he should have consulted people before allowing this. • Hall Committee and people using the Hall eg Toddlers should have been made aware who was coming in. • We support Waterloo Food Bank and would this detract from donations to that. Rev Liz said not as they work closely together. • If the Committee room is to be locked what happens to all the stuff in the cupboards – Cinema, WMF, National Trust and the tools used by George’s Men stored in a locked cupboard in the back kitchen? • Where would we hold meetings etc if this room is unavailable? • We would lose 2 of the hirers – Dance School and HAT who would be unable to access the stage and this would result in a loss of around £7,000 per year when we are already struggling to keep the Hall going. We have already lost Jive and Boogie recently with a loss of around £3,500 a year. • It was felt that we were entitled to be upset at people who we did not know just coming into our church hall and going through our property. • It was felt that the whole thing could have been handled so much better with more communication. • Whilst there was sympathy for Care and Share who obviously do a wonderful job it was felt that it is just not practical to let them have the committee room and back kitchen which we need for use by our church community. <p><u>Vote:</u> do we want to go back to re-offer this space to Care and Share? The answer was No and was carried by a majority.</p>	
4.	a)	Charity Treasurer’s Report	
		<p>Lynne emailed Jane with the following report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retiring collection in May for Christian Aid was £205.80 • Retiring collection in June for The British Ecological Society was £56.54 	
	b)	Treasurer’s Report	
		<p>Sara read out her report as follows:</p> <p>“Further to the financial overview that I emailed out for June our expenditure exceeded our income.</p> <p>We are currently behind with our Parish Share having paid all of our 2022 now and one month for 2023 which leaves £60,690 to pay this year. Income from planned giving is currently on budget but we have just had one generous giver leave St George’s which will leave a large hole in our monthly receipts. This leaver also paid for all the church</p> <p>candles in the past and this is something that the PCC will have to pay in the future together with the cost of day to day repairs in the Church and Hall.</p> <p>Malcolm B and David C have now opened all the pink and green envelopes that we had accumulated and the proceeds of these will show in the income soon together with future Gift Aid income. Talking about Gift Aid, although Alex was given the task of submitting our Gift Aid claims, due to</p>	<u>ACTION</u>

		<p>lack of available time there have been no Gift Aid claims since the third quarter of 2021. In order to get our claims up to date, Alex and David Cavey will now be working together and I anticipate that our tax refunds will start coming in within the next couple of months. Fundraising is currently under budget but will hopefully even itself out over the rest of the year.</p> <p>With reference to the Social Group account that is held with Lloyds Bank, following a conversation with Audrey Linney, who is the Treasurer, the account has been closed and the funds brought into the main PCC account. We will continue to quote the income and expenditure of the Social Group in our main accounts but it was thought that it is too much for Audrey continue to deal with due to her current illness.</p> <p>On the outgoings side, the biggest expenditure is currently gas and electricity which are currently well over budget. However, we are currently looking into the possibility of upgrading the hall/church gas boiler which should provide us with a more efficient and economic system in the future. It is hoped that we will be able to utilise the funds currently held in the Endowment Fund from which withdrawals can be permitted in the case of a capital expenditure project.</p> <p>Are there any questions?" There were no questions for Sara.</p>	
	c)	Fabric, Finance and Quinquennial Committee Report	
		<p>Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th June have already been circulated.</p> <p>Under Item 5, Bullet Point 6 – should read (Hall paid the church gas and electricity bills but these are now shared equally 50% Church/ 50% Hall)</p> <p>Under Item 5, Bullet Point 8 – should read January not June.</p>	CG
5.		Other Committee Reports	
	a)	Pastoral Committee	
		Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 22 nd June have already been circulated and Patricia had nothing to add to this.	
	b)	Church Hall Committee	
		<p>Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 14th June have already been circulated and Chris had nothing to add to this.</p> <p>Malcolm said on the finance side the Hall cannot pay all its debts, we have not paid any cleaning accounts. If the church were to pay the heating costs in full and we claimed back the 50% that we have paid from January to June that would give us £2,232 + £1,000 which we have in the Hall account so we could clear our debts. This was proposed by Malcolm Brewer, seconded by Mo Peters and agreed unanimously.</p> <p>Mo asked why Jive and Boogie have left. This was apparently because they were asked not to use the Hall for one night during the Waterlooville Music Festival.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
	c)	Mission and Stewardship Committee	
		Not met.	
	d)	Families Ministry and Young People's Ministry	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rev Liz said she goes into Toddlers most weeks and what a lovely sociable atmosphere it has for both children and parents/ grandparents and thanked Dawn and her team for all the work they do with the children and Dawn for all the activities she provides for the children. She said that they occasionally come over to church and they have been involved in the environmental things we have done in the grounds. Dawn said she sent everyone home with a magazine as Toddlers were in it so hopefully parents will read what else goes on in 	

		<p>the church. Dawn said she is full with 2 on the waiting list and 2 babies just born.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Young People – Rev Liz said she and Chris continue to support them growing little by little. In September our aim is to meet with young people on a regular basis for prayer time etc. • Sunday School – Rev Liz thanked Lynn and her team of helpers for all they do. Lynn said Sunday School is still not growing in numbers but has a loyal group of children who come most weeks. 	
	e)	Social and Fundraising Committee	
		Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 28 th June have already been circulated. An item on the minutes was discussed and taken forward.	
	f)	Eco Church Group Committee	
		<p>Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 7th June have already been circulated. Mo said that our efforts to raise £60 towards a toilet twinning project had so far only raised £14.60, so if anyone has a good fundraising idea to raise the rest please let us know. Really good news is that we have been awarded our Bronze award. We can now apply for a plaque to this effect which costs £85 and they also ask for a donation towards their work so Mo Peters proposed that we use £200 from Len Palmer's legacy for the plaque and donation and also buy a small plaque to say that Len has enabled us to do this. This was seconded by Marian Haughton and agreed unanimously.</p> <p><u>Boiler</u> – As discussed previously Chris and David Cain are looking at providing a more eco-friendly boiler (possibly an air source heat pump) for the church. The next step is a full survey and heat loss calculation for the building which is taking place this Thursday. If we can go ahead it is hoped the money will come from the restricted fund which can only be used for capital projects and Sara is currently looking into this.</p>	SP
6.		Safeguarding Report	
		Sonja's Safeguarding report (via email on 30 th June) for tonight's meeting has already been circulated. There were no questions.	
7.		Deanery Synod Report	
		Met on 21 st June but as Fr Colin and Candy were not at the PCC and it was Sarah's first Deanery Synod meeting she didn't feel confident to report on it. If Candy or Sarah let me have the minutes when they are received I will send them out to everyone.	CW/SC
9.		Correspondence / AOB	
	a)	<p>Anne said that at Rev Liz's recent ordination service people were shaking hands and hugging at the peace and she feels it would be nice to start this again at St George's. It has also been proven that you can't catch Covid from shaking hands. Rev Liz said we would need to raise this with Fr Colin on his return.</p>	<u>ACTION</u>
10.		Date of Next PCC Meeting	
		The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th October 2023 , in Church at 8.00pm following the 7.30pm Eucharist.	ALL
		Closing Prayer – The Grace	
		There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.	