St John's Church, Hove Minutes of the Parochial Church Council meeting Monday 21 November 2022

Present:

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Earl Collins (EC) – Vicar Tom Savage (TS) – Secretary Mark Gower-Smith (MGS) Sue Davidson (SD) Isla MacFarlane(IM) Mary Thomas (MT) Barbara Bush (BB) – Church Warden Janet Parrott (JP) – Church Warden Andrew Maynard (AM) Chi Ho (CH) - Treasurer Trevor Beattie (TB) Erica Cheung (ECH)

- 1 Opening Prayer
- 2 Apologies Lisa Godfrey (LG)
- 3 Notification of AOB None
 - Minutes of Meeting on 26 September 2022 & Actions from the Previous PCC Meeting

The PCC accepted the minutes with no amendments.

All actions completed apart from;

- 8 New service format action ongoing
- **10** Noticeboard; see agenda item below
- 5 Finance

5.1- Management Information
MT queried Ride & Stride income, CH confirmed the figures for this year and last year.
BB noted the forecast for maintenance costs for 2022 are high. CH explained one of the big items is the work to the roof, and that the insurance claim will cover this cost.

5.2 Parish Share & Budget Approval for 2023 TS provided an update on the recent Deanery Treasurers meeting. The Diocese has asked for non-binding pledges for Parish Share in 2024 and 2025. It was generally agreed that the Church should aim to pay the Parish Share already included in the draft budget. PCC agreed the finance committee would provide options for 2024 and 2025 Parish Share pledges, and circulate to the PCC for offline approval, ahead of the Jan 4th deadline.

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Buildings and Finance

MT confirmed in a written report that all work done under the preventative measures programme had been completed. There has been recent water ingress into the Church toilet and a continuing problem in Hop50. Hop50 have a council surveyor due this week to assess, which will include our toilet. Meanwhile, BB updated on the review of the roof above this area: this suggested that damage sustained to the asphalt may have caused the issue, and a temporary cover had been effected. A permanent fix may be needed, pending the council surveyor report.

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7 MAP & Events Committee

ECH updated on events, noting the next History Talk on 1st December is expected to have c.40 attendees.

AM raised the possibility of hosting a sea shanties group, and the Harp concert for next year was discussed. It was agreed that the Events committee would meet to discuss these matters in detail and update the PCC in due course.

BB updated on the Architects response to the new noticeboards proposal. The PCC had agreed a spend of c.£1.5k, however the Church architect advised that the proposed board was in breach of Town Planning regulations and suggested a reduction in size. BB asked for the PCCs agreement to progress on that basis. The PCC agreed unanimously.

Cornerstone Board Report

LG had provided an update ahead of the PCC meeting; nothing to note. EC advised the next board meeting is 5/12/22 and that he will chase for the latest accounts.

EC

BB

9 Safeguarding

There were no safeguarding matters to report. LG has reviewed PCC L0 training and advised individuals of any renewed training, where required. Church House are still progressing the SQP programme. LG had restocked the First Aid Box.

10 AOB

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EC requested PCC agreement to split cost of cleaning vicarage guttering 50/50 (EC/St John's). Anticipated cost c.£150. PCC agreed unanimously.

The meeting ended with The Grace at 8.20pm.