

All Saints PCC minutes July 17th 2019

Present.

Rev Canon Jo Loveridge, (chair), Colin Bird and Julia Gough, (churchwardens), Andrew Bellfield, Nerine Chalmers, Fiona Earle, Martin Penny, Dorothy Toyn, Cheryl Massey, Ann Stephens-Jones, Andrew Povey-Richards, Janet Bird, Shanti Gordon, Janet Oldham, Mary Penny, (sec)

Janet Bird opened the meeting with a bible reading and prayer.

Apologies.

The following sent apologies: Rosemary Bolton, Wendell Newbold, and Jonathan Bates.

Minutes of the last meeting.

Some details were noted as inaccurate. Secretary will make necessary changes as agreed, and then they will be signed.

Matters Arising.

As agreed Martin had circulated a sample questionnaire regarding a skills audit of the PCC. After discussion it was agreed that we can produce a questionnaire that is worded carefully to allow us as trustees to see where we are short of skills.

Update on trustees.

PCC was informed that 2 new members are now DBS checked and are therefore trustees.

Vision and Strategy.

This took the form of 3 discussion groups facilitated by Jo to discuss subjects related to updating our new Mission Action Plan. The 3 topics she chose for us were Growing, Serving, and Deepening worship and education. After time in groups there were brief oral reports from each. The notes are available separately.

Fabric.

There was an update on our researches into sustainability.

Risk Management.

Colin informed the PCC that we should prepare a risk map and he will continue to search for a template. This subject is to be carried forward to the next meeting.

Health and Safety.

Richard reported through Dorothy that the PCC should know that a person tripped over recently. Some detail was given and the PCC was informed that action to prevent such a situation happening in future has been taken. He also provided guidance which Dorothy read to us. This information is available with these minutes.

Safeguarding.

Shanti and Julia were to attend training within days, and Shanti reminded the PCC that every member of it is responsible for safeguarding. The PCC has adopted the Safer Churches Policy. We agreed to discuss at the next meeting how to meet other requirements.

AOB.

PCC heard of the suggestion to turn off the floodlights to save on electricity. After discussion PCC decided that we should continue to turn them off in line with street lights at midnight thus providing a safer environment for the church and also declaring our place in the town.

A request to offer hospitality in our car park to a Foodbank van was agreed to by PCC.

A suggestion to PCC that we widen our activities to support wildlife in the churchyard was well received. Fiona will take this forward.

Meeting closed at 9.40 with the Grace.

Next meeting Thurs Sept 19th.