



LYMINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday May 26th 2022

in St Thomas' Church at 7:30 pm

<p>Present: Bronwen Bridges (BB), David Bridges (CW), Pat Cashin(PC), Andrew Clapper (AC), Brian Cox (BC), David Hanks (DH), Maureen Harris (CW), Daphne Johnston (DJ), Andrew Payne (AP), Sylvia Pepin (SP), Mo Penrose (CW elect)(MP), Christopher Stroud (CW elect)(CMS), Michael Standage (MS), Celia Swan (CS), Jeremy Vines (JV), Peta Walmesley (PW), David Wansey (DW), Peter Salisbury (Vicar), Mary Hill (Sec) (MCH), Parish Office.</p>	
1	<p>Welcome and prayer: The Vicar welcomed everyone and opened the meeting by reading a passage from the Story Tellers' Bible about Ascension Day that he had read to the children from the Infants School in Church that morning.</p>
2	<p>Apologies for absence had been received from Bronwen Bridges, David Bridges and Celia Swan.</p>
3	<p>There were no proposals for AOB.</p>
4	<p>MCH read out a correction in the Finance Report from the meeting in March and the Minutes were then approved and signed.</p>
5	<p>There were no matters arising that were not on the Agenda.</p>
6	<p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>The Vicar welcomed the new members of the PCC: Andy Clapper, David Hanks and Maureen Harris.</p> <p>The following roles were approved:</p> <p>Lay Vice-Chair: Christopher Stroud.</p> <p>Treasurer: Andy Payne.</p> <p>Secretary: Mary Hill.</p> <p>Members of the Standing Committee: The Churchwardens, Andy Payne and Michael Standage.</p> <p>Electoral Roll Officer: Suzie Napleton.</p> <p>Marion Lewis was co-opted onto the PCC as a member of the Vacancy Committee.</p> <p>Clive Rigden was co-opted onto the PCC as a member of the Fabric Committee.</p> <p>The Vicar expressed his thanks to Malcolm Ward for his excellent work as Health and Safety Officer. He is standing back from the role and a successor has not yet been appointed.</p> <p>Barbara Payne is taking over the DBS certification role of the Health and Safety Officer.</p>
7	<p>Finance Report</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The Treasurer had circulated the Management Accounts for the three months to March 31st 2022 which reported a surplus for the period of £3,546. After the deduction of major items connected with All Saints (legal fees and tree works), the surplus was £2,142 which AP felt was positive.2. AP had also circulated detailed accounts of current investments and cash, drawing attention to bank account changes including the closing of the M and G account.3. The major work in progress at the East End of the Church is budgeted at £75,000 + VAT. It will be paid in 2 installments but the VAT will be recoverable. DJ offered to liaise with MS to investigate the possibility of the Friends of St Thomas contributing to the cost of the project.

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Total Energies. The energy contract with Total Energies was cancelled, taking effect from September 30th. AP will begin searching for an alternative energy supplier but will also pay attention to any updates from Parish Buying. 5. The Finance Committee asked the PCC to approve the appointment of Jonathan Cook as a member of the Finance Committee. This was agreed unanimously. 6. The CWs were reminded that they were eligible to claim travel expenses since they would be expected to travel more frequently during the Vacancy Period. 7. Vistas team has donated £1,000 to the PCC of which half would be put towards Church Hall expenses. MCH agreed to write a letter of thanks for the donation. 8. The Finance Committee asked the PCC which four good causes it intended to support this year. AP reported that £3,500 each had been sent to The Leprosy Mission, Mission to Seafarers, the Bible Society and the CMS. £1,000 had also been sent to the charity Restored Lives. There were representatives in the Church for the Leprosy Commission and the Mission to Seafarers but the lack of reps for the other two charities meant that there was little feedback on how the donation had been spent. The PCC members were asked for suggestions for charities that had a connection with a member of the congregation. DH suggested the Mission Aviation Fellowship and offered to be the rep. This was agreed. 9. AP thanked PW on her work on the Church Counting Rota. 10. The Vicar requested approval for £700 to make a gilded plaque for the Church balcony to celebrate the completion of the work at All Saints. MH seconded the request and it was approved unanimously. 	
8	<p>Building and Land Report</p> <p>MS reported that they had had a second site meeting and that the project in general was going well but some unexpected problems were being encountered.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a bees' nest that was imbedded in the wall and therefore expert advice was needed on how to deal with the problem. Suits were needed for the workers in order to get access to the area and a decision was needed as to whether the bees should stay or whether they should be transported to another location. There would be costs involved in the solution. • The supporting wall in the Courtney Chapel is only of single width and so it is probable that interior scaffolding would be needed. The cost would be about £4,000. • MS reported that, sadly, he was pessimistic about a reasonable solution being found in the boundary dispute between All Saints Church and Viney Lodge but it was not possible to leave the situation open-ended. 	
9	<p>Health and Safety Report</p> <p>There was no H and S report.</p>	
10	<p>Main Business: pMap draft</p> <p>The Vicar had circulated the current pMap draft to members of the PCC before the meeting. He then suggested that each of the 4 objectives would be reviewed to see what progress had been made. The revised document will be used when writing the Parish Profile.</p> <p>Objective 1: Building links with younger people.</p> <p>There was a general discussion on how the Church could move forward with this objective and several ideas were put forward. However, there was general agreement that before making any changes in the current Church activities, an investigation into other solutions by the Objective 4 team would be useful. Messy Church should also be included in pMap1.</p> <p>Objective 2: Telling the Christian story through land and buildings.</p> <p>Most of the objectives in pMap1 had been met but it was important that the new incumbent should be made aware that the progress already made, needed to continue.</p> <p>Objective 3: Helping people to discover their gifts and vocations.</p>	

	<p>This is a recent objective and is aimed at encouraging more people to volunteer for roles in the Church. This includes holding an Information Day and producing a large infographic indicating the ways in which people could become involved.</p> <p>Objective 4: Care for our Church Community.</p> <p>The key to the success of pMap4 is to appoint a leader in this area. The Vicar commended MH on all the work she had done during the pandemic and asked her if she would continue her valuable work and be the leader. MH agreed. The rest of the steps will follow in the coming months.</p> <p>The Vicar then asked for approval for the pMap which was agreed unanimously.</p>	
11	<p>Vacancy Committee update.</p> <p>The members of the PCC were made aware of the future possibility of increased collaboration between St. Thomas' Church and St Mark's Pennington. However, the idea is not being pursued now as St Thomas' is focused on recruiting a new Vicar.</p>	
12	There were no diary dates to note.	
13	There were no items for AOB.	
14	Date of next meeting: Thursday July 28th at 7:30pm.	
15	The Vicar closed the meeting with a prayer.	