

The Parish Church of St Margaret, Rainham
Parochial Church Council

Full meeting of the PCC on Tuesday, 8 March 2022
in Church, 19:30



Present: Hollie Allen (HA) – Vice Chair; Heather Baker (HB); Nigel Barfoot (NB); Ann Critchley (AC); Lorna Dyer (LD); Janet Garnons-Williams (JGW); Nick Grief (NG); Felicity Holton (FH); Davina O'Brien (DOB); Linda Randall (LR); Owen Smith (OS); Kayleigh Ward (KW); Revd Nathan Ward (NW) - Chair; Charley Whittaker (CW); Terry Whittaker (TW)

In Attendance: Sam Holden (SH) – Treasurer; Jo Whittaker (JW) – Secretary

PCC MINUTES

Item	Details	Action
1.	Welcome and Opening Prayer	
	NW opened the meeting in prayer.	
2.	Apologies:	
	These were received from Jamie Jackson (JJ) and Revd Jonathan Jennings (JPJ) and Frank Pantony (FP) who were at Deanery Synod.	
3.	Minutes of the Meeting on 10 February 2022 and Matters Arising <i>(not already recorded on the Agenda):</i>	
	These were agreed as a true and accurate record.	
i.	<u>Friends of Tafara</u> – following Revd Christine Allen's departure, DOB had picked up leading this group and it had met several times and talked through various fundraising options towards the rebuilding of the church. It was agreed that an appeal would be made to the congregation. There was a short discussion about the name of the group with a proposal that this be changed to 'The Tafara Partnership Group' to reflect its intentions and aims more accurately.	DOB
ii.	<u>Hope into Action</u> – the draft constitution had been looked at by both the Diocese of Canterbury and a trustee; this was ready to go back to the lawyers to be drawn up.	
iii.	<u>Risk Assessments</u> – the operational plan for acceptance of risk assessments was to be written.	NW
iv.	<u>Covid Memorial Window</u> – a Statement of Need had been drafted and a further report was needed for the faculty application. Teaching and engagement with the congregation to be picked up post Easter before submission of any faculty application.	NW/TW
4.	Finance Committee Update:	
i.	Eon debit – SH reported that the indemnity claim had been successful. After adjustment, Eon still claimed £4,600 was owed as opposed to £2,100 which the Finance Committee believed was the correct amount based on usage and actual readings – see document circulated prior to the meeting. It was noted that Eon had only ever used estimated readings and the last reading supplied by us had not been accepted as accurate. Further work was being done by SH, DOB and Jane Forsyth to verify our stance and a formal complaint would be raised should this not be accepted.	SH
ii.	Energy Costs – this was raised by NW as an additional item following the receipt of a recent document issued by the Charities sector. TW confirmed that the new electricity contract with SSE was minimally below the threshold, so there was no current material risk on inflated energy costs. Gas was not due for renewal until 2023.	
iii.	SH advised that there had been a new £30 direct debit set up for Vodafone which had not been authorised by us - this had since been cancelled and compensation received from the Bank. On investigation, it was discovered that signed mandates were no longer required by NatWest and could simply be agreed over the phone. The Finance	

a.	Eco Church Update:	
	<p>FH reported that the meeting had gone well and lead people had been assigned to be responsible for the five different areas, growing their teams and meeting every couple of months:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land – Gary Williams and David Noakes • Worship – JGW • Buildings – DOB • Community – KW • Lifestyle – FH <p>It was agreed that the congregation should be encouraged to be involved and Sunday teaching would be part of this process; this would start 12 June through to 17 July. It was noted that the Iona Community had liturgical resources that could be considered.</p>	FH/JGW /NW
b.	Eco Hub Update:	
	<p>KW reported that the Eco Hub had grown in number and interest and there were now lots of local actions, both individual and in the community. The core group had met and were drafting a strategy on tackling climate change, which would become the focus for 2022, with an emergency declared for Rainham and ideas of how to respond. Air pollution was a big issue and both the Council and University of Kent were keen to work in partnership with the Eco Hub to form creative ways to address this. A presentation was to be made at a future PCC.</p>	KW
8.	Correspondence:	
i.	<p>Request for a memorial bench in the churchyard – a document had been circulated prior to the meeting with a request for a memorial bench to be installed in a corner of the churchyard near the Millennium Centre (unused for graves). After a short discussion, the PCC agreed to support the application.</p> <p>DOB proposed and OS seconded the proposal, ‘that the PCC support the application of the Newcombe family to install a memorial bench in the churchyard.’</p> <p>FOR: 15 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTION: 0 Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>The next step was for the faculty application to be submitted by the church.</p>	JW/ Jane F
9.	AOB:	
i.	<p>TW reported that as a consequence of the First Aid training, statistics had shown that recovery rates following CPR had a 4%-6% chance of survival, which increased to 70%-80% with the use of a defibrillator. It was suggested that PCC consider getting one for the Church and another for the Millennium Centre (noting that these cost between £500 and £2k, although a donation had already been offered to cover some of the cost). Annual servicing would likely be required.</p> <p>It was proposed by TW and seconded by AC that, ‘the PCC buy two defibrillators, one for Church and one for the Millennium Centre.’</p> <p>FOR: 15 AGAINST: 0 ABSTENTION: 0 Unanimously agreed</p> <p>PCC further agreed that TW should take this forward and there should be two appeals made to the congregation: one for Tafara; and one for the defibrillators.</p>	TW/NW
ii.	<p>APCM – this was set for 24 April 2022 at 16:00 in the Millennium Centre, followed by a cream tea.</p> <p>Priority was to be given to the agreement of the Annual Reports at the next PCC meeting on 7 April – it was agreed that TW would chair this meeting in the absence of both NW and HA.</p> <p>Details of retiring PCC members and Church Representation Rules to be circulated after the meeting.</p>	JW/NW
10.	Dates of Next Meetings:	
	<p>Thursday 7 April 2022, 19:30 Millennium Centre (tbc) – TW to chair</p> <p>Sunday 24 April 2022, 16:00 Millennium Centre</p>	

	Tuesday 10 May 2022, 19:30 Church Wednesday 8 June 2022, 19:30 Church	
11.	Closing Prayer:	
	TW closed the meeting in prayer at 20:41	