

THE PARISH OF ST MARTIN OF TOURS, EPSOM WITH ST STEPHEN-ON-THE-DOWNS, LANGLEY VALE

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council on 08 June 2022 at 7.30pm

The Rev. Nick Parish was in the chair.

Members Present

Nick Parish	Judith Mitchell
David Eggett	John Padwick
Laurence Impey	Meg Topley
Rob Jeffery	Helen Williams
Phil Keith	Howard Bluett
Sarah Lutton	Martyn Holloway Neville

Guest Speaker: Alana Harris

1. Prayers led by Nick Parish

2. Apologies for absence

Richard Deavin	Sarah Jeffery
Margaret Angus	Mary Gilbert

3. Welcome to new members and Declarations of Interest

Rob Jeffery and John Padwick, were welcomed to their first meetings of this Council. There were no declarations of interest.

4. Guest Speaker

Alana Harris spoke on the contested heritage and slavery research and updated the Council on progress. The research was uncovering a wider and more nuanced picture of John Brathwaite and was also generating interest with other specialist historians of that period and with the BBC, who were talking to Peter Brathwaite about a possible radio programme.

The research will come to an end around September and will present an options paper for the PCC to consider.

It was noted that the Diocese see this work as a pilot for other parishes.

Members thanked Alana for her presentation.

5. Election of Officers

Treasurer – this post will pro-tem remain with the Wardens.

Secretary -- Rob Jeffery

Safeguarding Officer – Howard Bluett expressed an interest on taking on this role – to be decided at next meeting.

5. Committee Membership

It was noted that Rob Jeffery is already a member of the Fabric Committee and John Padwick will join the Missions and Outreach committee

6. Adoption of Policies

The chair tabled the Safeguarding policy which was unanimously adopted.

7. Health and Safety Issues

It was reported that an electrical Portable Appliance testing report was required. To be referred to Fabric Committee to action.

8. Minutes of the Previous PCC meeting on the 31 March and the draft Minutes of the APCM held on the 01 May 2022

The minutes of the previous PCC meeting were agreed with amendments and then signed as a true and faithful record of that meeting

The minutes of the APCM were noted.

9. Matters Arising

None

10. Ministry and Mission

Mission Statement.

The Chair tabled a draft Mission statement for the Parish. Members made various comments and observations which the Chair agreed to take on board and circulate a revised statement to all members before the next meeting

Vision for Langley Vale

The Chair tabled his draft vision for future mission and ministry in Langley Vale. Members made various comments and observations. Members were asked to send any

further thoughts to the Chair as soon as possible. The Chair will then revise the paper and circulate to all members.

It was noted that this vision statement will be part of the submission to Bishop's Council in support of the proposed new lease for Langley Vale Village Hall with the Langley Vale Village Hall Association.

Missions and Outreach

The report was received and noted as a work in progress

Ministry Team

The chair updated members and agreed to bring a more detailed update on our children's and youth ministry to the next meeting

Marriage Legislation proposal

Howard Bluett spoke to his previously circulated report, seconded by Sarah Lutton. There was a lively debate on the issues that were raised.

Laurence Impey tabled an amendment, which fell as it was not seconded

The meeting then voted on the original substantive motion

9 votes on favour, 1 against with 1 abstention

11. Resources

Staffing review. The chair updated the meeting on the staffing review that was now complete.

Buildings Strategy.

Church House - awaiting the report from our Architect.

St John Chandler Hall – negotiating a lease with our proposed new lessee.

Langley Vale Hall – the proposal to enter into a new lease is to be submitted to a forthcoming meeting of Bishop's Council, once we have all of the necessary paperwork. (See Item 10 – Vision above).

Fabric Committee report

Members noted the report from Richard Deavin. On the matter of the proposed upgrade to the sound and a/v system, including a camera and microphones in the choir it was noted that we had met with our engineers from B+H on the 31 May, together with Wendy Harris from the DAC. Following that meeting we are awaiting a final report from

B+H with revised process and details of where any new equipment will be placed. Once these reports are received from B+H, they will be circulated to all members. It was agreed that Standing and Finance Committee could then formally resolve to apply for List A permission to install the new equipment.

Treasurers Report

The Wardens spoke to the previously circulated report and financial statements. It was noted that we had received a generous legacy from Flora Turner's estate.

Change of Signatories for the CCLA Investment Accounts

Our investments are managed for us by CCLA Investment Management Ltd. who also manage investments on behalf of the Church of England generally.

We need to update the signatories on our accounts and also implement a change of correspondent – the person who receives the reports each quarter.

The current signatories on the accounts are:

1. Nick Parish
2. David Eggett, who is also the named correspondent for the investment reports
3. Laurence Impey
4. John Flower

CCLA wish to send out the quarterly investment reports by e mail in future, and the Council need to remove John Flower as a signatory to these accounts and replace him with Sarah Lutton

Members were invited to resolve to:

Remove David Eggett as correspondent to our CCLA Quarterly investment reports and authorise Sarah Scott to be correspondent to our CCLA Quarterly investment reports

Remove John Flower as a signatory to all of our investment accounts managed by CCLA and authorise Sarah Lutton to be a signatory in his place.

Proposed: David Eggett Seconded: Martyn Holloway Neville

Agreed unanimously

12 Other items

The proposed dates for forthcoming meetings of this Council, the Standing and Finance Committee and the APCM in May 2022 were all noted as set out in the agenda. The Chair added that there would also be a meeting of the Standing and Finance Committee on the 07 July

Eco Church

Helen Williams updated members on the progress that we are making with ECO church and sustainability. We are planning on holding a second sustainability fair in the Church in the autumn.

13. Closing Prayers

The meeting ended with prayers at 22.05 hours

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Signed as a true record of the meeting:

Rev. Nick Parish (Chair)

8th September 2022