

ST MARY MAGDALEN, KNIGHTON

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held by Zoom at 7.30pm on
30 March 2021**

Present: Revd Adrian Jones (Vicar; Chairman), Revd Matthew Gough, Angelica Amoroso, Josh Crick de Boom, Sian Howard (Church Warden), Michael Kirk, David Palmer, Lorna Pollard, Judith Rudd, Bob Rutland, David Stanyer (Treasurer) and Ida Stanyer

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Oldershaw and Nigel Siesage

21/27 PRAYERS and REFLECTION

The Vicar led the meeting in prayers and a reflection.

21/28 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

The Treasurer presented the annual accounts, which had been approved by Mr Rankine as Independent Examiner.

Mr Stanyer drew attention to the following points:

- Despite the considerable difficulties presented by the pandemic, the parish effectively broke even in the year. It was to be noted that Church general income was down £10k.
- The Parish Centre position was greatly assisted by the furlough scheme.
- £109k had been allocated from the reserves to the Spire project.
- £7.5k had been allocated from restricted reserves the churchyard lighting project.

Resolved:

- a) That the Statutory Accounts be approved
- b) That the reserves policy remain unchanged
- c) That Mr Stephen Rankine be appointed Independent Examiner for the coming year.

The PCC recorded its appreciation of the work of Lorna Pollard in managing envelope donations and the Gift Aid arrangements.

21/29 ANNUAL REPORT

The Vicar presented the Annual Report and invited suggestions. Some minor additions and amendments were noted.

Resolved:

That the Annual Report as amended be adopted for presentation at the APCM.

There was a brief review of the arrangements for holding the APCM.

21/30 SPIRE

It was reported that work on the spire and tower was still expected to be complete by mid-April, despite some shortages in supply of lead. The contractors had worked very hard to stay within or very close to the contract price and this was still expected to be achieved.

It was agreed that the future of the spire appeal and the best way of marking the completion should be discussed at a future meeting.

21/31 RESUMPTION OF SERVICES

In view of the progress of recovery from the pandemic, the PCC was strongly in favour of identifying an early date for resuming services in church. After discussion it was agreed that the first such service should be on 18 April, with services at both 09:00 and 10:30 on that day, following this new pattern from then on. The APCM on 25 April would become a hybrid live/Zoom meeting.

21/32 ECO-CHURCH

Revd Matthew reported on Eco church progress. An initial discussion had been held online at which Ann Scott, a teacher at Overdale School, had presented the approach adopted at Holy Trinity. He suggested that an eco-update should become a standing item on the PCC agenda.

21/33 OFFICE OF TREASURER

The Vicar reported that there had been one volunteer to join a treasurer team, but more volunteers were needed.

21/34 BROADBAND PROVISION

It was agreed that there should be further discussion of the audio requirements between Revd Matthew, Sian Howard and Simon Britton.

21/35 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting of the PCC held on 25 February 2021 were received and approved, subject to noting with regard to Minute 21/21 (Parish Centre Garden) that the £1,400.00 contribution related to the work to the Pre-School Fence; this did not include the replacement of the front section, which cost a further £557.00.

21/36 SAFEGUARDING

There was nothing to report.

21/37 HEALTH AND SAFETY

There was nothing to report.

21/38 NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 13 May 2021 at 7.30 pm, by Zoom.

The meeting closed with Grace.

Chairman