

St Peter and St Paul, Blandford Forum

Our Mission: **Transforming our Community, one life at a time.**

Our Vision: **Growing and Nurturing Disciples who are confident, Connected and Compassionate.**

Minutes of PCC meeting held on Monday 18 July 2016
at 7.00pm in the Church

Present: Rev. Jonathan Triffitt (JT), Graham Poynter (GP), Dan Roberts (DR) Pat Ellen (PE), Val Dennis (VD), Carolyn Telford (CT), Rodney Smith (RS), William Triffitt (WT), Barbara Curtis (BC) and Sophie Bowerman (SB)

1. **Opening Prayers and Reflection:** Renewing Hope led by JT

JT welcomed and thanked the Sunday Welcome and Refreshment Teams, who were also present for the start of the meeting. SM led an exercise in good practice for everyone, which included a discussion about the sound quality in church, before the formal PCC meeting began at 7.50pm.

2. **Apologies:**

Heather Stringer (HS), Clive Newlin (CN), Anita Roberts (AR), Sara Loch (SL)

3. **Minutes of Last PCC:**

The minutes of the PCC meeting held on 23 June 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

Photocopier: contract is progressing

Rotas: RS has offered to take responsibility for this and will liaise with SM and others. Offers of help for August services would be appreciated. RS's intention is to produce a 3 month rota, covering Sept – Dec, by mid August. **Action: ALL**

5. **Correspondence:**

None received

6. **AOB:**

Service times: Prior to the meeting JT had circulated to PCC Members a memo requesting the PCC to consider bringing forward the time of the morning service in order to allow JT to be more present at both churches. JT reported that Langton Long have provisionally agreed to move their

service to 11.15 to allow JT slightly more flexibility on a Sunday. A full and robust conversation followed in which a variety of views and opinions were expressed. JT returned to the issue at the end of the meeting and felt that as there was not universal agreement from the PCC he felt that it was inappropriate to pursue the conversation at this point. A further review will take place in the autumn.

Pastoral re-organisation: JT reported that following the resignation of Stephen Coulter, Rector of Durweston, Pimperne & Stourpaine, he would be asking Deanery Synod to “suspend the living” in order to explore the possibility of developing a future Team Ministry centred around Blandford.

Cupola Finances: Final costs for this phase will be £278,000 which is above original costs but considered by Marcus Chantry to be a good outcome. JT proposed that the PCC accepted these costs. SB seconded, carried unanimously. **Action:** SL

Marshall’s visit: Monday 8th August. Discussion on the format for the day didn’t reach any conclusions! **Action:** JT and CT to deliberate further

Engaging families: Jonathan and Joanne are looking to start a Sunday tea time film night when film licence has been renewed.

7. **Safeguarding:**

Volunteer forms are in progress. Policy is displayed in Church and Centre. Contracts and job descriptions will start to be rolled out in the autumn.

8. **Reports:**

Financial Report: Not available

Wardens Report: Nothing to report

Centre Management Group: No report this month. JT asked that balance of church mission v income be given consideration. **Action:** DR

Cupola Project: Topping out ceremony Thursday 21 July 2.30 – all welcome.
CC to look at alternative collection boxes as those in wall are too small for gift aid envelopes. **Action:** BC

9. **Next PCC Meeting:** 22 September 2016

10. **Closing Prayer:** The meeting ended with prayer at 9.25

2016 Meetings: 20 October, 24 November