

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 Thursday 15 June 2017
at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Present: Rev. Jonathan Triffitt (JT), Dan Roberts (DR), Rodney Smith (RS), William Triffitt (WT), Graham Poynter (GP), Barbara Curtis (BC), Pat Ellen (PE), Sophie Crompton (SC), Clive Newlin (CN), Chris Curtis (CC), Anne Shire (AS) and Philip Whitcomb (PW)

1. **Opening Prayer and Reflection:** JT opened the meeting reflecting on 'Faith in the age of uncertainty'.
2. **Apologies:** Heather Stringer (HS), Sara Loch (SL) and Anita Roberts (AR). Absent - Carolyn Telford (CT)
3. **Minutes of Last PCC:** The minutes of the PCC meeting held on 25 May 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

Centre Projector: This is now installed

Inventory items: RS is investigating safe places for storage before progressing further

Disabled Access: The builder and architect have met and work will start in August and will take 8 weeks.

Centre Caretaker: Position filled

5. **Correspondence:**

Flowers: Norah Saynor is to step down as flower secretary PCC expressed their thanks to Norah for her ministry.

6. **AOB:**

Neil's ordination: Neil and family have settled in well and are grateful for the warm welcome. Neil will be on retreat from 28 June until his ordination, in Salisbury Cathedral, on Sunday 2 July, to which everyone is invited. His first weekend in Blandford will be 9 July.

Annual Share count: JT proposed that we adopt Category C for the coming year. Seconded by RS and agreed by all.

Cycle Racks: CC to investigate the possibility of cycle racks beside the church.

Funds raised from social events: The purpose of these events is primarily for shared fellowship with fundraising being a secondary factor.

Concert fees: BC raised the continuing discrepancy on hire of the church and fees charged. JT requested SL/RS to have conversations with similar sized churches.

7. **Safeguarding:**

Further training is being planned

8. **Reports:**

Financial Report: Administration – PCC thanked PW for the Headline information on the current financial situation, we are still on course for the £11,500 deficit. The disabled access fund currently stands at £10,480 and the Cupola Fund at £18,511.

Insurance –Proposal to change from Ecclesiastical Insurance to Trinitas Insurance proposed by JT, seconded by CN and agreed by all, subject to approval by the Archdeacon.

Church Sustainability – PW talked us through the two schemes: Giving in Grace and Parish Giving scheme. Handouts were circulated and are available for those unable to attend. PCC would like PW to work with LL and explore these schemes further. Money is given locally but administered centrally, reducing the workload and speeding up the return of gift aid etc.

Cupola Project: CC requested that flyers/posters should be sent to him for the website.

AS circulated the flyer which has been widely distributed around Dorset and Salisbury. It advertises the longer opening times for the church. More people are visiting and signing the visitors' book.

9. **Next PCC Meeting:** 20 July 2017

10. **Closing Prayer:** The meeting ended with prayer at 9.20pm

2017 Meetings:

14 September, 19 October, 30 November