**Parish of Deddington with Clifton and Hempton**

*Minutes of the* ***EXTRA*** *PCC meeting on ZOOM, held on Tuesday, 9th February 2021*

**Present:**

Rev. Annie Goldthorp Caroline Condon Stephanie Dakin

Olivia Fenion Meriel Flux Iain Gillespie

Heather Nason Stan Nelson Sue McCouaig – Secretary

**Apologies:** Angela Faint and Hillarie Gogoi did not attend

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the findings of two Safeguarding cases where the Church of England failed to protect the vulnerable, and to reflect on the lessons learned from them, in our own context. The Articles of Enquiry and Safeguarding form, would be fully completed and sent to the diocese after this meeting. Meriel agreed to liaise with Jane Maharry to complete the form.

We also need to look at our recruitment policy for paid staff and volunteers using the ‘Safer Recruitment’ document.

Ahead of our meeting, on 23rd January 2021, Annie had forwarded an email with links to documents to read, relative to the meeting.

At the meeting we discussed and reflected on the two Safeguarding cases. It is necessary to continue to reflect on these issues, and to be aware that this could happen here. Safeguarding is paramount and we all need to be alert to this. To be aware of what grooming is, what the signs are etc. To be observant. If you think something isn’t quite right, just keep on going and look for help/guidance as to the way forward. So many people hide behind the clergy. Make sure that you are vigilant. Question anything that you think is strange behaviour!

A search on “Oxford Diocese” website, Safeguarding – will bring up details of Safeguarding contact details and how to raise/report concerns.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.