**Parish of Deddington with Clifton and Hempton**

*Minutes of the* ***EXTRA*** *PCC meeting held after the morning service on Sunday, 2nd May 2021*

**Present:**

Rev. Annie Goldthorp Angela Faint Meriel Flux Iain Gillespie

Heather Nason Stan Nelson Sue McCouaig – Secretary

**Apologies:** Caroline Condon Olivia Fenion

The purpose of the meeting is to discuss an ACV (Asset of Community Value) that is being discussed at the next Parish Council meeting on Thursday, 6th May 2021, concerning the “Old School Room in Hempton”, which is an integral part of Hempton Church.

Annie had been informed by David Rogers, the Chairman of Deddington Parish Council, that a Councillor had requested that the Parish Council should consider seeking an “Asset of Community Value” application on the Old School Room in Hempton, at their meeting on 6th May 2021.

It was hoped that a member of the Parish Council could have attended this meeting to give us more details, but this was not possible.

The PCC members present discussed this matter fully, and were strongly of the opinion that it would not be the right way forward to have an ACV listed against the building. It is also unlikely that the village would be able to raise the cost of buying the building, in the very slim chance that it may need to be sold at sometime in the future. Annie, as Vicar, has also clearly stated that although the congregation is small, she has no intention of trying to close it. The Old School Room is very rarely used by the village, even in a non-Covid situation.

One of the major questions raised by the PCC was that within the ACV conditions which such an application would be considered under, includes on an **exemption** list "Church of England land holdings", but at this stage we are unsure whether this includes “buildings”. Iain has telephoned the “Diocese” in an attempt to get an answer to this question. If it does include buildings, then the ACV could definitely not continue.

The meeting closed at about 12 noon.