**Parish of Deddington with Clifton and Hempton**

*Minutes of the PCC meeting held on Monday 30th May 2022 at 7.30pm in the downstairs room of the Deddington Arms*

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| **Present:** | |  |  | |
| Rev. Annie Goldthorp | | Sarah Banes | Meriel Flux | |
| Iain Gillespie | | Heather Nason | Stan Nelson | |
| Caroline Condon  **Apologies:**  Sue McCouaig | | Angela Faint  Jane Green | Olivia Fenion | |
| **Item** | **Notes** | | | **Action** |
| **1.** | **Opening Prayer and Dwelling in the Word?** | | |  |
|  | Annie opened the meeting in prayer. | | |  |
| **2.** | **Living Faith (40 minutes) Vicar** | | |  |
|  | **Dishwasher**  We have a dishwasher. It’s bought, plumbed in and works. Everyone is happy about this. It cost £399 and has a cutlery drawer.  **Jazz concert** was a success. Raised £450. Well attended and was a good night.  Iain said it would be worth doing it again next year as so many people said how good it was.  **Commonwealth War Graves Commission** have installed a sign. It is now up in the lower Churchyard to the left of the gate.  **Easter Egg Hunt** – worked but not as well as hoped. Need the questions to go into school a lot earlier. Worth running again next year as lots of people were away that weekend.  **Guides** - The Guides are coming to Church to do a good deed – they are helping to clean the Church. They are going to have a quiz on 7th June.  **George Fenemore’s Funeral** was very well attended. Raised £1,902.05 which will be split between Thames Valley Air Ambulance and the Organ fund.  **Deddington Festival** is going to be on Sat 2nd July. It’s a 1-day event. They will use the Church again for the childrens’ activities. They will have Deddy Rocks in the Market Square. They would like the guitarist to play a “Brian May” style tribute on the Church tower. Annie has told them they need to supply us with a risk assessment. Kelly Scott is going to do the risk assessment. Annie will email Ellie Ince to say she is happy to show someone up the tower to show them the stairs. | | | Annie |
| **3.** | **Fabric (10 minutes) Iain Gillespie** | | |  |
|  | 2 projects in hand: Lighting and South Porch Roof.  **Lights:** Iain emailed Neil Skinner again yesterday about it.  **The South Porch** – Iain isn’t too worried as no money for that yet. Fabric fund will pay for lighting improvements but after that we will need to do a lot more fundraising for the Porch.  Iain is emailing Stella O’Neill about an alternative builder to do a quote for the porch roof as we have been waiting for a quote from George Gibbs for many months now.  **Tree growing from the building:**  Olivia asked about the tree that is growing half way down the south side of the Church which needs removing as it is getting quite large and could damage the fabric. Annie will speak to Sally Barbour to see if it’s something her husband Chris could do. Sarah will ask a tree surgeon as well. | | | Iain  Annie  Sarah |
| **4.** | **Finance (5 minutes) Iain Gillespie** | | |  |
|  | The General Fund has gone up. It is now the end of the month so everything has been paid. The Fabric Fund is building up nicely. Everything else is about the same as before.  **Treasurer’s job** – HSBC now has no counter service in Banbury so Iain now has to go to Oxford in order to pay cash into the bank around twice per month. This will need to be explained to anyone taking on the role.  There followed a brief discussion about cash payments for the collection on Sundays, and at Farmers’ market (the stall holders currently pay cash) and it was agreed that at the next Market we will try to get stallholders to pay by card.  It is also agreed that it should be made very clear where donations should go; ie in the chest by the door.  Caroline suggested creating a board saying about the good work we do as a Church.  Sarah suggested getting a digital photo frame to display the things that we do, given that the computer that used to show the photos has now died. | | |  |
| **5.** | **Deanery Synod Report (5 minutes) Angela Faint** | | |  |
|  | Meeting on 11th May at St Frances’s church. They discussed four key areas: 1. Boundaries & setting them out. 2. Improving communications particularly amongst the younger congregants. They discussed putting a website together. The deanery does have a Facebook page which they will look into to see how much it’s being used. 3. The environment; Each church is being urged to work towards a bronze Eco award. Four or five churches have achieved this so far. The mission is to get all deanery Churches to this stage. 4. Intergenerational work; Going into schools & helping children. Speaker Charlie Kerr discussed that children have 3 main areas of influence which are Home, School and Church, and he spoke about how the Church is brought into that. He discussed a “Contemplative Toolkit” and something called “Spacemakers”, which centres around getting the children to be aware of their inner space and be contemplative. This could start as young as aged 5 and should fit in around the Church seasons and how a Eucharist fits together. Annie has spoken to Charlie about coming in to talk to us about it so that we can experience it as a PCC and school and do some of the exercises. The initiative came about due to the increasing numbers of children in schools with mental health problems. It has been trialled in a school in Goring near Reading. | | |  |
| **6.** | **Health and Safety (5 minutes) Stan Nelson** | | |  |
|  | Stan Nelson advised that there was nothing to report. | | |  |
| **7.** | **Safeguarding** | | |  |
|  | Nothing to report. | | |  |
| **8.** | **The Queen’s Platinum Jubilee. Annie** | | |  |
|  | Plans have come along nicely for this.  There will be a Quiz on Thursday 2nd June (currently 9 teams have reserved spaces), a Street Party on Saturday 4th June and a Festal Evensong service on Sunday 5th June.  We have 400 jubilee mugs that have been printed for the street party which people can keep.  Layout has been looked at this morning for the street party.  Red white and blue lights are up on top of the Church.  Ticket “sales” (tickets are free): We currently have 53 children coming. And 167 adults. These numbers are expected to increase. | | |  |
| **9.** | **Sustainability – ECO Church Annie** | | |  |
|  | John Nason is going to put some bird boxes up. Annie is going to put more environmental content in the teaching for the First Sunday family service. | | |  |
| **10.** | **Fund Raising Olivia, Stan, Meriel** | | |  |
|  | James Kennard did a big plea at APCM. **Organ** is going to cost £20,000-£30,000 to repair  Andrew Green has taken over **Friends of Deddington Church**.  **Grantway** – organisation that understands that for certain charities the only way they can make money is to get grants and they have a portal you can use to source the appropriate grant.  **Caroline** will **register** with Grantway and bring any grants that we might be eligible for back to PCC. | | | Caroline |
| **11.** | **Minutes of the previous meeting – 30th March 2022** | | |  |
|  | The minutes of the previous PCC meeting held on 30th March 2022, were signed as being a true record.  The “draft” minutes of the APCM held on 15th May 2022 had not been received as yet. | | |  |
| **12.** | **Matters arising (10 minutes)** | | |  |
|  | **Dog fouling signage** in Churchyard is up and working  **PCC Board:** Annie will be taking photos of everyone not yet photographed on Sunday for the PCC board. | | | Annie |
| **13.** | **Any other urgent business (5 minutes)** | | |  |
|  | **Sub-Committees** were discussed, none have met recently. Sub-Committees include:  **Charitable Giving committee** – Annie, Iain, Jane Green and Liz Dickinson.  **Information &Technology** – Olivia Meriel, David and Fiona.  **Kitchen & Social** – Caroline, Heather, Sarah, Diana Marshall, Meriel, Heather, Hilary  **Fundraising** – Meriel, Olivia and Stan  **Paper Angels** – Caroline has come up with an idea around paper angels for Christmas.  **Boys’ Brigade Bank Account** – There is an amount of money in the currently unused Boys’ Brigade bank account. It was agreed that Stan, Jen and Brian would meet together and see about either donating it or transferring it to Bloxham Boys Brigade. They will meet and make a decision.  **Food Waste** Angela has spoken to the new owners of the Crown & Tuns. He often has food left over on Sundays and he would like to deliver it to people for free. Annie will have a think about how that would work and whether it might be possible. | | | Caroline  Stan  Annie |
| **14.** | **Date of next PCC Meeting(s)** | | |  |
|  | **Next PCC Meeting** – Monday 4th July at 7.30pm | | | Sue |
| **15.** | **Closing prayer** | | |  |
|  | The Grace – Finished at 9.20pm | | |  |