

Parish of Deddington with Clifton and Hempton

Minutes of the informal PCC meeting held on Thursday 19th March 2020 in Deddington Church

Present:

Rev. Annie Goldthorp (Chair)	Robert Best	Olivia Fenion
Angela Everett	Meriel Flux	Iain Gillespie
Apologies: Stephanie Dakin	Caroline Condon	Sue McCouaig - Secretary
Heather Nason	Sally Best	Dave Hughes

1. Opening Prayer

2. Fabric – Iain Gillespie

Hempton Roof

An extraordinary PCC meeting was held on Sunday 16th February 2020 which met to consider repairs to the roof at Hempton. The two main options were:

- a. Removal of the lead and installation of an asphalt system or
- b. Replacement of the lead, potentially to be undertaken by Alcocks from whom we received a quote.

Although the Asphalt system was both recommended and preferred, Iain checked with the DAC and they did not like it – they said it has to be like for like, which was an outcome considered on 16th February. Iain said we could try to change their mind but it would need to go through a faculty from the Chancellor and potentially planning permission as well, which may or may not be approved.

The lead replacement scheme has been quoted from Cherwell Roofing Ltd at £4,850 + VAT Alcocks' quote is £3,750 + VAT. It is proposed that the total spend will be divided equally between Friends Of Hempton, and Deddington Church. Iain says VAT is not a problem as it can be claimed back via the grant scheme. Iain is asking for an expenditure of total £4,000 ie £2k each. Iain will get the relevant quotes before a decision is made. Deddington Church's portion will need to come out of Reserve fund but not the Fabric fund.

Lighting

Deddington Church Flood Lights – 8 are gone now. Iain priced them at £11 each but last time they were about £15 as the price is set at whatever the rate is when they are ordered. Plus same price again to get window cleaner to climb up and change them.

We discussed LED lighting for church a couple of years ago – A fully programmable system for £20k to get a full series of LEDs throughout the Church. Iain proposes that given we can't raise those kinds of funds any time soon, we could do something via David Hope, as he is familiar with our Church system as it stands, at circa £3,000. Iain said we are about to be in receipt of a £5,000 Giftaided donation which could go towards this.

3. Coronavirus Update - Annie

Church Services

The Church suspension of services is now in place. Annie will continue to do Eucharists on Weds and Sundays with at least 3 people (the minimum needed for such services). There will still be a sermon. Will continue to do this for the foreseeable future. These will be streamed live along with Morning Prayer 8.45-9.15am every weekday morning.

The Easter Card was finished and printed however they have still gone to the Deddington News and the Barford News with a note saying that the services will still take place as they can be viewed online. We will still celebrate Easter liturgically. The Bellringers will also suspend for now but they will have a day when all this is over when they ring for a period of time over a day.

Weddings now have a max of 5 people allowed to attend. Annie has spoken to all couples who are getting married soon.

Village Care during the Crisis

In the village, Annie, Bea Maloney and David Rogers have set up a team of 70 people. They have divided the villages into zones, each zone has a Zone Captain and each has 2-4 other volunteers to help. Over next few days everyone will get a card through their door to say who everyone is and who is doing what. Annie has negotiated with Co-op to accept orders over the telephone and online payments, so that people in isolation can order things and pay for them then the designated Zone Captain can collect it from the shop. This should all be in place within next 7 days.

They are also trying to get similar setup with the pharmacy. Eagles will also do home delivery now if anyone needs that. The Pie Pub and Deddington Arms are also delivering, as is the George Inn at Barford.

School

As from tomorrow the school will be closed. This will change the village feel. More people may be isolating themselves from this weekend. We should make sure everyone stays safe and spread the word around the Zone Captains. Annie is part of this.

School leavers may have last week at primary this week. There is a plan to have a Leavers' Service for them once things return to a state of normality, even if it is not for several months.

Key workers – not sure what they are and not sure if we have any in Deddington. Sally Barber has organized lessons and homework for all the children.

Free school meals – The company that bring the food for free school meals may deem that it won't be worth it if there are only a few children in school. So school may need someone to cook for the few children who need it. School currently looks after children from 8am – 6pm but going forward it won't be able to do that and there is a current suggestion of 9am - 3pm. A big issue will be when the children go back – we will need to give them a lot of support as they will be behind.

4. Closed with the Grace