

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 23 June 2016
at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Present: Rev. Jonathan Triffitt (JT), Graham Poynter (GP), Heather Stringer (HS), Dan Roberts (DR) Pat Ellen (PE), Val Dennis (VD), Carolyn Telford (CT), Sara Loch (SL) Rodney Smith (RS), William Triffitt (WT), Anita Roberts (AR), Barbara Curtis (BC) and Sophie Bowerman (SB)

Welcome to Simon Crompton and Chris Curtis who were present for the Branding exercises and left the meeting at 8.20pm

1. **Opening Prayers and Reflection:** Renewing Hope led by JT
2. **Apologies:** Clive Newlin (CN)
3. **Communication:** Simon led the PCC through exercises which were to help with the church branding. There will be feedback to the PCC in the Autumn.
4. **Minutes of Last PCC:** The minutes of the PCC meeting held on 26 May 2016 were agreed and signed as a true record. Minutes of the PCC meeting on 28 April 2016 were also signed.

5. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

Prayer Ministry training: 12 people attended this excellent day. Prayer ministry is to be part of our service not an add-on.

Welcome and refreshments: SM to continue to do the rota and inform JC for inclusion in Keynotes. PCC and Home Groups to share the duties each Sunday. Consistency is important and SM will invite all those currently on the rotas to the next PCC meeting for 7pm for clarity and training. **Action:** SM. Welcome team need badges with names and Tina and Helen, working with children also need badges. **Action:** BC. GP offered to stand at door and welcome people each week.

PCC action plan: JT, SL and RS have met and discussed this.

Curate: Situation is progressing

6. **Correspondence:**

None received

7. **AOB:**

Photocopier proposal: JT proposed, SL seconded and all agreed to the new photocopier agreement. **Action:** HS

Rota Lists: SL to update email lists to ensure that the wider number of people on the rota receive copies. DR asked for more than 1 month at a time to aid planning. **Action:** RS and SL to improve rotas.

8. **Safeguarding:**

Volunteer Application Form: It was agreed to remove the following - (*Note: If you decline to undertake initial or further training without good reason the PCC might withdraw your authority to work as a volunteer at Blandford Parish Church.*) JC, as safeguarding officer, will discuss this with any refusers and has the permission of the PCC to decline volunteer offers of help, if necessary. Every role needs a role descriptor. People must be clear about what roles they are applying for. Clarity on references ie may not be a relative. Safeguarding policy is in the church foyer and also needs to be in the Parish Centre and on website. **Action:** JT and JC.

9. **Reports:**

Financial Report: Share paid up to end of May. Finances are looking good. HS to look into Gift Aid query.

Wardens Report: Visitation service at Salisbury Cathedral so RS is now official! Archdeacon/Rural Dean to visit all churches every 3 years. Information on what will be looked at requested by SL. **Action:** JT

Centre Management Group: Request for a Garden Wheelie Bin for the Centre which would make life easier for Manfred was agreed by PCC.

Letterbox in wall is not feasible according to John Turnbull. 2 new people have offered to assist with security of Centre so it was agreed to leave things as they are at present and to review this in 3 or 4 months time.

Cupola Project:

JT explained that he felt a growing disconnectedness between the church and the Cupola project and felt it important that they are brought back together and PCC must be proactive in helping this to happen. The Cupola Project is part of who we are and events are church events with the money going towards the cupola.

DR asked about phases.

Abseil Fun Day with BBQ on Saturday 27 August. Joanne to co-ordinate.

Harvest Supper Social was considered a good idea but will need to be organised by the PCC.

10. **Next PCC Meeting:** will not take place on 21 July as this is the date of JT's Licensing as Rural Dean in Durweston. **Action:** JT to circulate dates
11. **Closing Prayer:** The meeting ended with prayer at 21.40

2016 Meetings: 22 September, 20 October, 24 November