

## 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 25 May 2017  
at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

**Present:** Rev. Jonathan Triffitt (JT), Dan Roberts (DR), Heather Stringer (HS), Rodney Smith (RS), William Triffitt (WT), Graham Poynter (GP), Sara Loch (SL), Anita Roberts (AR), Barbara Curtis (BC), Pat Ellen (PE) and Sophie Crompton (SC), Clive Newlin (CN), Chris Curtis (CC), Anne Shire (AS) and Philip Whitcomb (PW)

JT welcomed CC, AS and PW to the PCC

1. **Opening Prayer and Reflection:** JT opened the meeting with the Collect for Peace as we remembered all those affected by the Manchester bomb.
2. **Apologies:** Carolyn Telford (CT)
3. **Minutes of Last PCC:** The minutes of the PCC meeting held on 9 March 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.
4. **Matters arising from the minutes:**

**Centre Projector:** This is now ready to be installed

**Treasurer:** Since the last meeting the PCC has voted (by email) to elect PW as the Church Treasurer.

**Fashion Show:** AR has decided not to go ahead with the fashion show.

**Centre Caretaker:** The position has been offered, and has been accepted to start on Monday 5 June

**Office move:** This is now complete.

5. **Correspondence:**

**Foundation Governors:** The Diocese is investing in church schools to maintain the Christian distinctiveness but recognises the difficulty of recruiting and maintaining the number of foundation governors needed. The new requirements are that these governors must have been baptised within the Churches Together framework but they are no longer required to be communicant members. DR is to be the Foundation Governor Adviser to Salisbury Diocese.

6. **AOB:**

**Community Kitchen:** A huge success which was a team building event within the church as well as providing a connection with the community. It is hoped to repeat this initiative in late August.

**Christmas Card:** CT to be asked to liaise with artists to ensure consistency in printing and costs etc. BC to discuss details with CT.

7. **Safeguarding:**

AR and JC delivered training to BFPC and LL PCCs on 9 May 2017. Further sessions are planned for BFPC and for Deanery colleagues.

8. **Reports:**

**Financial Report:** Discussion took place on whether a finance assistant could be employed to manage day to day church finances while PW would have strategic oversight. General opinion was that the decision should be deferred due to deficit budget. For a future meeting various costs should be considered including using the services of a contractor. JT asked the PCC to pray on this issue.

PW will present ideas at next meeting on financial sustainability but was pleased to note that the budget and expenditure figures for 2017 match!

**Wardens Report:** Wardens had an audit meeting with the Archdeacon, earlier in the day, to look at documentation etc. They were awarded a B+ and need to add some safety certificates to the records and to keep a maintenance book.

Inventory of items in Lloyds Bank in Glasgow: It was agreed that the items should be brought back to Blandford to be valued and should be kept for display on appropriate occasions. Delivery, storage and insurance will need to be considered. Wardens to consult with Langton Long PCC over arrangements.

**Centre Management Group:** Comfortable chairs will be moved from the Centre to the Church and placed in the old office. Hand driers will need replacing soon.

**Cupola Project:** Tenders for Disabled Access discussed and PW confirmed that there will be no VAT payment. £17,000 still to be raised but there is some money in the Cupola Fund which could be used if necessary.

**Proposal** – To accept Glyn Bagley's tender for disabled access in church. Proposer – SL, Seconder – CN. All agreed

Church Care grant of up to £500 for paint sampling has to be agreed by the PCC and documented on their acceptance form.

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9. **Next PCC Meeting:** 15 June 2017
10. **Closing Prayer:** JT asked the PCC to hold Neil and Sarah Robertson and Annabel and George in prayer as they settle in Blandford. Neil will start as Curate on 2 July.

The meeting ended with prayer at 9.05pm

**2017 Meetings:**

20 July, 14 September, 19 October, 30 November