**Parish Council Minutes**

**16th December 2019**

| **Item** | **Task** | **Discussion** | **Action** | **Who’s responsible/**  **timeframe** |
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| 1. | Open with prayer.  **Prayer 2019**  **Lord, teach us to pray.**  **Teach us to listen to your voice**  **and to hear your word.**  **Teach us to offer our hearts to you in love**  **and to know your love.**  **Teach us to forgive**  **and be forgiven.**  **Teach us to give our lives in your service**  **and to do your will.**  **Teach us to pray,**  **and pray in us, Lord Jesus. Amen.** | Affirm sheep may safely graze. |  |  |
| 2. | Attendance | HW, MS, JH, HR, SP, Vicar, KT |  |  |
| 3. | Apologies | BC DT Sb-H |  |  |
| 4. | Role allocations (time keeper, minutes, reporting)   * Sign declarations of submission to synod | Time: Sally  Minutes: Mandy  Reporting: 10am Mandy/ 8am Sally |  |  |
| 5. | **Growing in faith**   1. Read Colossians 1:15-23 2. Paul talks about Jesus as the image or ikon of the invisible God. What does that mean? 3. What does this passage about Jesus (the Christ) inspire in you? 4. What prayer does this passage prompt you to pray? (Write it down and use at the end of the meeting.) | We read the passage through a number of times and reflected on the questions. |  |  |
| 6. | **Vision Plan**   * Review objectives | PC reviewed the key objectives for the year going forward and documented these. | Updated Vision Plan has been completed and identifies actions that are completed, underway or yet to begin.  Keren will tidy up and circulate completed plan. | KT |
| 7. | **Parish Council Covenant**   * Confirm Covenant as amended * Affirm Sheep May Safely Graze | Motion: To endorse the Parish Council Covenant and the Affirm Sheep May Safely Graze.  Moved: JW Seconded: HW Carried. |  |  |
| 8. | **Child Safe Church**   * update | 340 question audit tool completed and submitted to Diocese 29/11/19.  Well done to Keren. |  |  |
| 10. | Previous minutes   * 26th November | Motion: To accept the November minutes, subject to Betty Cooper’s name being included.  Moved: JW Seconded: HW Carried |  |  |
| 11. | Business arising | None noted. |  |  |
| 12. | Action List | All action items to go on the Google document:  <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/18Z8sB5ChYAWy3sSLK85SX5ObVJR3Wtk-cdGWMvZF8jk/edit#gid=0>  The assumption will be that whoever has taken responsibility for an action does that action. | Action list updated during this meeting. Harry will update copy on drive. | HW |
| 13. | Correspondence:   * Feedback box * Event planning forms | Feedback Box – a note was received to endorse the PC support for inclusivity.  Moved: JW Seconded HR Carried.  No event planning forms. | HW to reply and thank for their support. |  |
| 14. | **Vicar’s report** | Appointment of Christopher Garcia as our curate to start 1st February 2020; ordination 8th February 2020. | Ordination ‘save the date’ of 8/2/20 needs to be put into the pew sheet. Transport may need to be organised. | Sally to give this date to Jen to put into pew sheet. |
| 15. | **Financial report** | Finance report tabled.  Discussion occurred around the reason for the budgeted deficit when a small surplus was projected. No real reason identified; rather it is a collection of small increases which is responsible.  Financial report accepted.  Moved: JH Seconded: SP |  |  |
| 16. | **Other subcommittee reports**   * Other reports | Reports received for Pastoral Care, Property Committee and Do Justice.  Reports accepted.  Moved: JH Seconded: KT Carried. |  |  |
| 17. | **Compliance**   * Committee charters * Liturgical Assistants list | What committee charters do we have? Who do we need to ask to review/send through to parish council?  Liturgical Assistants list was endorsed.  Moved: SP Seconded: HW Carried | Sally will follow up with Jen to locate the committee charters we currently have. Sally to send these through to Keren. | SP |
| 18. | **Other Matters**   * What needs to go in Parish Matters: INCLUDE DATES for submission * Thank yous for Parish Matters * Inclusivity motion ala St Peter’s Eastern Hill | Parish Matters articles:  MS to do an article on the nativity scene  JH to do an article on the carol singing  JH to do an article on the Diamond Creekers event  SP to do an article on funerals of Maureen Christie and HW to do an article on Norma Lawry  KT to do an article on the new curate  KT to do an article and photo of completed Advent Scroll  Thank Yous: Nativity Scene, Carol Singers, The Tukes for the Advent Scroll, Adrienne for the Christmas play, Jen for her hard work over the whole year.  Inclusivity Motion: PC discussed this and endorsed our parish moving forward with this statement. | Articles and thank yous to be written (see notes in Discussion column).  Keren will draft a simple statement and circulate to PC members to review and comment on. | MS  JH  JH  SP  HW  KT  KT  KT and all Parish Council |
| 19. | **Parish Council dates for the rest of the year** | PC dates: 24/2, 23/3, 29/4 (NB 27th is public hol), 25/5, 22/6, 27/7, 24/8, 28/9, 26/10  AGM date 2020: 25/10 |  |  |
| 20. | **Sending forth:** Close with prayer and the grace. | Meeting closed with prayer at 9.30pm. |  |  |

## Colossians 1:15-23

He is the image [ikon] of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him— provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.