

The Parish of Farleigh Parochial Church Council Meeting

by Zoom September 14th 2020 7.00 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING

1. Meeting opened with prayers and a bible reading

2. Present:

Revd Stephen Maurant
Debbie Scholey
Gill Palmer
Lyn Hardy

Eamonn Harding
Beverley Guinness
Annabel Portsmouth
Julian Nunn

Apologies:

Charles Palmer-Tomkinson
Rev'd David Chattell
Quentin Portsmouth
Matthew Jones
Bernard Cazenove

3. Minutes for June 18th meeting were approved. **ACTION: These need to be signed as well as previous minutes from March and August Zoom meeting. Stephen to action.**

4. Matters arising from the March meeting

- A letter of thanks and a garden token has been sent to Philippa Tilley for her contribution to the PCC.
- Stephen will send an article for October's Hill and Dale about the new online giving, 'Donate' ,via phones and website **Action: Stephen**

5. Hill and Dale. The finances of Hill and Dale are better than expected mainly due to the fact that it has not been published for 5 months and hence printing costs have not be incurred. It was agreed that it was not feasible to offer payment to the new editors at this stage, but this would be reviewed in a year to 18 months' time. Jean Frost the new Hill and Dale editor and Ros Partridge, responsible for finance of Oxdrove, joined the meeting and were introduced. They have sent up dedicated email accounts for Hill and Dale (Jean Frost hillanddaleeditor@gmail.com Rosslyn Partridge treasurerhillanddale@gmail.com) and will take over from Edna for the October issue. They plan to align and simplify the adverting costs with Oxdrove over the next 3 years. Jean will produce a spread sheet showing the proposed rates. Eamonn has agreed to provide monthly payment reconciliation sheets to Ros.

Action: Eamonn to provide the bank details to Ros. Debbie to provide PCC contacts to Jean and Ros.

The PCC agreed that in principle in the new year we would aim to provide a copy of Hill and Dale to all houses in the Parish. This needs some consideration and planning due to increased costs of production and distribution.

Action Debbie to work with Jean and Ros on this concept

The PCC agreed to give Edna a Hamper and flowers to Sheila Brown as a thank you for her years of service to Hill and Dale.

Action: Beverley to provide a Hamper and Debbie to send flowers to Sheila Brown. Stephen to write letters of thanks to both.

6. Treasurer's report

A report was circulated prior to the meeting. Finances are in a good position in spite of the lack of services since giving has been generous. The use of the online system 'Donate' has been successful with so far £2000 donated via that route. These figures take time to be reflected in the accounts as the money takes time to come through along with the gift aid. We are up to date with Parish share, which will be reduced in 2021 reflecting the limitation of operations in light of Coronavirus [and also because of posts being cut across the diocese].

Thanks were expressed for Eamonn's work on the accounts.

7. Church Wardens' report.

Cliddesden. The snagging of the building programme has now been completed. The recent Ride and Stride event attracted some visitors to the church. The DCC is struggling for new members, including a new church warden following Matthew Jones departure to live in Sweden. **Action: Stephen to talk to possible candidates in the village.**

Dummer. Good feedback on the recent communion service. The PCC approved the proposal to reduce the number of communion services at Dummer to from 3 to 2 a month, the third becoming non-eucharistic. Stephen was happy to comply with villagers' preference. The DCC will manage the changes locally.

Ellisfield. No issues were reported. Outdoor services have been well received.

Farleigh. The work on the removal of moss from the roof is pending, and waiting for a quote to be accepted and for the work to be booked.

8. Benefice Website. Peter Raine has proposed some changes to the website to improve access to information as well as to provide more information about the life of the church community as well as just the buildings. Eamonn has offered photographs of all the churches. The PCC approved the proposals, which now also need to be presented to the other PCC's in the Benefice.

Action: David to include this topic on future PCC meetings in the Candovers. Eamonn to provide the photos to Peter Raine.

9. Church services. The Remembrance service will take place outdoors at Dummer. The discussion about Christmas services concluded that we can't assume that things will be normal, so it may be necessary to plan individual village outdoor Carol services. Other services will need to be limited in numbers to ensure compliance with social distancing.

10. Bishops certificate in Mission. This is an initiative to encourage lay members to lead worship and pastoral visiting. The training will be done by Zoom. We were asked to consider potential candidates and provide names to Stephen, in addition to 3 that were offered during the meeting.

11. The Administrator role will be advertised in October Hill and Dale and Oxdrove. An interview panel has been set up with timelines and the target is to have someone in post in January. In addition there will be an advert for a PCC secretary in Hill and Dale. **Action Stephen to include in the October issue.**

12. Revision of Electoral roll. This is in progress and a report will be presented to the ACPM in October.

13. The ACPM is scheduled for October 21st at Ellisfield but it will most likely need to be held via Zoom due to limitations of meeting sizes.

14. It was agreed that next year PCC meeting would be reduced to 4, 8th February, 7th June, 13th September and 1st November and ad hoc meetings can be arranged as necessary.

15. Wedding preparation for 2021. A meeting with candidates is planned in Cliddesden village hall on February 27th and Stephen is looking for volunteers to provide lunch. It was suggested that there may be volunteers from Northington where most of the weddings take place. **Action- Stephen to pass to David to follow up with Northington.**

16. The annual bereavement service will probably be at Preston Candover on November 1st at 3pm.

17. **Next meeting November 2nd** . Agenda topics -Christmas plans.