

The Parish of Farleigh PCC Meeting

November 1st 2021. Minutes

Attendees

Debbie Scholey
Lyn Hardy
Bernard Cazenove

Beverley Guinness
Annabel Portsmouth
Rev'd David Chattell

Charles Palmer-Tomkinson
Lynda Plenty

1. Apologies were received from Oliver Lymington, Eamonn Harding and Julian Nunn.
2. The minutes from the last PCC meeting held on September 13th were approved and signed by Rev. David Chattell.
3. AOB. The topic of the Diocese strategy to achieve net zero was raised for consideration. It was agreed that any recommendations from the Diocese would be considered as necessary. Lynda planned to mention this at the forthcoming quinquennial survey at St Leonards.
4. Financial Report. Eamonn provided a written report in his absence, the key points were:
 - the Hill and dale account has a healthy balance of £4884.86. Need a resolution to pay editor and treasurer as discussed last meeting. (see later)
 - A letter was sent to Colin Harbidge to discuss the Parish Share in light of the changes to the Clergy. A response is awaited.
 - Eamonn has searched for paid Treasurers but without success to date. Accountants, bookkeepers are available but not Treasury services. **Action. The PCC concluded that Eamonn could be asked to select someone who could take on the book keeping role. Bernard agreed to discuss some specifics with Eamonn to make progress. It was also suggested that a conversation with Julian Gibbons (currently treasurer in the Valley for more than one church) could be useful to discuss ways to simplify the management of parish finances.** The PCC had a wide ranging discussion but agreed that further discussions should take place with Eamonn present. **Action- Eamonn to clarify whether a Parish Laptop has yet been purchased specifically for Parish financial business.**
 - The CMF for this year has been paid in full. Our bank balance stands at £5,381. We will need to pay our share of expenses to Ian Cammick. Gift Aid for September is also due, approx. £3,000, so our account is healthy.
 - We have £741 remaining in the Stephen retirement fund. Action requested on how to manage this additional amount. The PCC agreed that all monies donated for Stephens retirement should be paid to him as an additional cheque. **Action – Eamonn to pay all the surplus to Stephen including an additional donation that was offered during the meeting.**
 - A new supply of gift aid envelopes have been purchased and provided to each church.
5. Church Wardens Report-

Cliddesden St Leonards. Lynda will be meeting Nick Carey-Thomas shortly for the quinquennial inspection. The idea of a Remembrance Tree was discussed whereby individuals can place a card on the Xmas tree in remembrance of someone. PCC were in agreement that this was an interesting initiative. The sale of Harvest goods raised £50 for the foodbank. A working party have cleared the church yard of brambles. The Christingle service will be held on December 3rd.

Dummer. All Saints. No fabric news to report. The Harvest service raised £500 for 'send- a- cow'. Plans are in place for the Remembrance service including the visiting Priest. The Christingle service will be held on the first

Sunday in December followed by a nativity in the barn. This will be in aid of the Children's Society. The Bishop will be visiting for Carols.

Ellisfield. St Martins. No fabric news to report. The new notice board has arrived and is waiting to be put in place by the church gate. The Harvest service raised £40 for the Foodbank and 32kg of non-perishable food items were donated to the Foodbank.

6. **Safeguarding.** There were no safeguarding issues to report.
7. **Playgroup.** A report was provided by Claire Nunn, attached to the minutes. The team are pleased with the success of the playgroup although they are keen to increase numbers and are grateful to the Parish for support. (post meeting note- it was suggested that they may like to included details of the playgroup on the Benefice website to raise awareness across the benefice.)
8. **Hill and Dale.** The magazine continues to be fairly full and on several occasions has reached the maximum page count of 64 pages. (limited by printing format). In light of the financial surplus that Hill and Dale has made this year a proposal was made to pay a single honorarium of £500 each to Jean Frost and Ros Partridge. This was proposed by Charlie and seconded by Bernard. **Action. Debbie to ask Eamonn to raise the cheques and she will provide a thank you note and deliver to Jean and Ros.**
9. **Rectors Report.** David offered a thank you to those involved in organising and attending Stephens retirements events including the service at Northington and the evening at Cliddesden. The Benefice profile has been approved for the 'house for duty' post and was advertised in the previous weeks Church Times. A short list is hoped for by the end of November with interviews in December. The PCC were grateful to David for such a rapid response to this new post. The interview panel can include 4 representatives from the PCC's in the Benefice. **Action PCC to appoint someone from the Parish of Farleigh subject to dates for interviews.** David intends to be in Farleigh for the Xmas services in order to have the chance to meet those who don't regularly attend at other times of the year. David emphasised that as the Rector its important that he has oversight of the service formats that are being used at Lay led services. He needs to understand who this conversation should take place with for each church, and rather than the whole DCC this should be the Chair of the DCC/church warden.

Although some services may not be considered suitable for children it was agreed by the PCC that children should not be excluded from any services.

Ruth and David are planning an additional 'child friendly' remembrance service in Farleigh this year, which is an extension of a service that has been run in the valley in recent years. However concern was expressed by BC that this had not been discussed within the Parish of Farleigh and may prevent children from attending the traditional service at Dummer. Due note was taken of this oversight to discuss with the PCC in advance.

The new service formats will be discussed in more detail at the first meeting in 2022 when there have been a few more months of the new system to review.

Xmas services in Farleigh were provided in the December issue of Hill and Dale.

Bishop David will be attending 3 services in the Parish on December 19th.

10. **Parish Records.** It was reported that several boxes of historic records from St Martins, St Leonards and Farleigh Parish have been deposited in the Winchester Records office. So far no home has been offered for the Parish of Farleigh records that must be kept in the Parish for 7 years.
11. **Meeting dates for 2022** were provided by Stephen: February 7th, June 6th, September 12th, November 7th.
12. **Items for next meeting.** Proposal from Eamonn /Bernard for book-keeper . Feedback from discussions around this subject. Review of the new service formats.