

PARISH OF FARLEIGH
PAROCIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

19th February 2024

MINUTES

Present : The Rev'd David Chattell; Lyn Hardy; Peter Raine; Oliver Lymington; Charles Palmer-Tomkinson; Bernard Cazenove.

1.Opening Prayer

2.Apologies for absence: Debbie Scholey; Hannah-Houstin-Lacey.

3.Minutes of the last meeting : Approved and signed by David Chattell.

4.Appointment of a PCC Chairman during the interregnum : Bernard Cazenove was appointed.

5.Matters arising not covered not otherwise on the agenda : nil

6.Living in Love and Faith : Peter Raine thought that the PCC should take a view on this book which has a firm archiepiscopal imprimatur as there is a foreword by the Archbishops that is about Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage. The members felt that ,if there was a need ,then views should be sought from congregations and DCCs , rather than at this stage the PCC imposing their views without any consultation. Discussion ranged about the new prayers of blessing for same sex couples approved by General Synod , though still problematic.

ACTION ; PCC members should discuss with their congregations and DCCs .

7.Treasurers Report Received and noted.

a. It was felt that the donor of the funds should be consulted and if possible the funds could be used for a wider range of children's activities. If it was agreed by the donor that the fund could be derestricted then the treasurer would have to discuss this with the accountants.

ACTION: Treasurer to discuss with the donor .

8.Annual Report and report from the Treasurer: Written report to be attached and form part of these minutes

9.Church Wardens Reports

a. Cliddesden: Peter Raine reported that the Saints Alive ! Course had finished before Christmas and the group continues to meet weekly. A quiz night in November raised over £1,400. There were four successful Christmas services. A Tuesday morning group meets to tidy up part of the churchyard. The Bishop of Winchester attended a family service on 11th February with many children performing as a choir.

b.Dummer: Lyn Hardy reported that there has been a leak in the roof which is being investigated. There is concern about future use of the Clifton Room by the church as the lease may "be up" and a number of properties in the immediate area are being sold by trustees. Michael Hill-King is helping Stafford Napier with fabric matters. At a recent fund raising event £500 was donated to a children's charity.

c. Ellisfield : Bernard Cazenove reported good attendance at Christmas services. The dangerous tree in the church yard identified by the Council has been “crowned”. Approval was requested to spend up to £1,500 of a replacement part for the organ which had been damaged by mice . **This was granted and approved by the PCC.**

d. Farleigh Wallop . Oliver Lymington reported that there had been a full Church at the Christmas Eve service. The faculty for the damage repair of a leak above the vestry has yet to be granted but is in the process .

10. Sageguarding report : DBS checks up to date . Nothing to report.

11. Parish Stewardship Peter Raine produced a forwarded email to Eamonn Harding from Georgi Lask , the new Christian Stewardship advisor at the Diocesan Office asking if he, Eamonn, was the Stewardship Promotor for the parish. Clearly no one had any idea of this role so it was agreed that this matter would be carried forward to be discussed at the next PCC.

ACTION : AOB for the next meeting

12. Playgroup : A comprehensive report from Claire Nunn and Melanie which should be attached to these minutes

13. Hill and Dale report : Attached to the minutes

14. Feedback from Church Warden’s meetings with Archdeacon : There had been two meetings with Richard Brand, the Archdeacon of Winchester. The first on 7th February was by Zoom with the majority of the Church Wardens of the Benefice. This one concentrated on the steps that had to be taken following David’s departure in early March which are set out clearly in the “Vacancy Pack”. This covers such matters as funerals, weddings, banns, fees, care of the Rectory , key individuals within the Diocesan organization. The second took place on 13th February with the Farleigh Parish Church Wardens in person, with the Archdeacon asking questions about the Parish, how we work together and the pattern of services. At both meetings the Archdeacon emphasized that it was hoped that the interregnum would be short , so the Rectory in Preston Candover is not being sold or let out.

The interregnum timetable as far as the preparation of the Benefice Profile , applications, interviews and, with luck, recruitment of a new Rector for the Benefice is as follows:

Now to 18th March , early plans for the production of a Parish Profile.

18th March : Joint Benefice PCC (minimum 1/3 from each PCC present) meeting with Richard Brand to discuss Benefice Profile.

By 30th April (what is known as Section 11 meeting) confirmation of Benefice Profile.

During May:, Advertisements in Church Times.

6th June : Close of Advertisements

10th June : Shortlist meeting

26th and 27th June : Interviews

15. Formal farewell to David : On 25th February there is an 11.15am Family Communion at St Martin’s followed by drinks in the Memorial Hall with the Parish invited . On 3rd March there is a Farewell Service (4.00pm) at Brown Candover for the whole Benefice followed by tea in the village hall.

ACTION ; David to email all Church Wardens and Debbie ,the last Benefice Profile. URGENT

16. Future plans for interregnum: David has produced a Service Plan for the next three months which will be circulated ASP

17.Rectors Report: Sigh of relief-last one ! Good attendance across the Parish at all Christmas services. Wedding preparation weekend was attended by 10 couples.

18. Topics for next meeting (May 13th): Nil

19. Dates for future meetings : APCM April 24th : May 13th : September 2nd ; November 2nd.

20. AOB None