

PARISH OF FARLEIGH

PCC MEETING

12th NOVEMBER 2024

MINUTES

Present : Bernard Cazenove (Chairman , Church Warden, St Martin's Ellisfield) ; Peter Raine (Church Warden, St Leonard's Cliddesden); Lyn Hardy (Church Warden, All Saints Dummer) ; Oliver Lymington (Church Warden , St Andrew's , Farleigh Wallop); Hannah Houstin-Lacey (PCC Treasurer) Charles Palmer-Tomkinson (Elected member); Beverley Guinness (Elected member) .

1.Apologies : Debbie Scholey (PCC Secretary); the Rev Ian Thacker.

2.Approval of minutes of the last meeting (2nd September2024): These had been circulated and approved.

3.Matters arising not on the agenda:

a. Joint meeting of PCCs : This took place in September and Lyn and Peter attended. Minutes of this meeting have not been distributed and no feedback has been given to PCCs .

ACTION: Ian to give verbal or written feedback.

5. Treasurers report ;

a. Status of SSE dispute : This is still not resolved and no bills are being paid . Monthly meter readings are being given to Hannah which clearly shows that all estimated bills by SSE were incorrect and exaggerated.

b. Charity Commission Return : This has been completed and agreed

c. PCC support panel and visitation : No date has been agreed with Colin Harbidge and his team . It is now in their court to agree a time and place . (Note : The deadline for the consideration of appeals for CMF is 14th November 2024)

d. Common Mission Fund payments : So far £25,000 has been paid . It is anticipated that a further £5,000 will be available before the end of the year.

Hannah was thanked for her hard work as the Treasurer .

6. Church Wardens Reports

a. Cliddesden : Quinquennial Inspection Report defects have been completed . Work is being undertaken on the ceiling in the chancel , plus cleaning and treating of the walls. Further work is being done in the churchyard and unblocking of a drain and down pipe.

Remembrance Sunday Service was well attended by children and adults.

Annual Quiz fundraiser was a great success and raised over £1,300

Approval is required to place a bench in the churchyard in memory of Eddie and Betty Rapley . A faculty is required and formal approval by the PCC : A proposal to apply for a faculty for this bench was put to the PCC.

Proposed by ; Peter Raine

Seconded by : Bernard Cazenove

The PCC supported the motion that this bench being placed in the churchyard.

There is a wedding at St Leonard's on 25th July 2025 . The groom wants to complete any forms and other administration before he shortly goes to Lossiemouth in the near future . Are there any marriage preparation courses taking place in the Benefice ?

ACTION: Ian and Tricia to respond.

b. Dummer : Lyn reported that they had held a Harvest Supper that raised £300 . The Remembrance Sunday Service took place with slightly lower attendance than previous years . Stephen Maurant kindly took the Service .

Stone work needs to be done following the Quinquennial Inspection .

Approval is asked for the necessary repairs to the window on the South side of All Saints (window 56) to piece in new stone in central mullion.

A proposal to apply for a faculty for this work was put to the PCC.

Proposed by : Lyn Hardy.

Seconded by : Charles Palmer-Tomkinson

The PCC supported this work being done.

c. Ellisfield : The Bell Tower was cleared in October of dead birds and twigs and also new protective wire placed to stop attempts by nesting birds using this area.

The DCC is looking into removing certain pews by the font. Nick Carey-Thomas has inspected and will produce a report.

d. Farleigh. Oliver Lymington reported that repair work was needed as there was damp in St Andrew's .A proposal to apply for a faculty for this work was put to the PCC .

Proposed by : Oliver Lymington

Seconded by ; Bernard Cazenove

The PCC supported this work being done.

7.Safeguarding report : Nothing to report

8. Playgroup report; This was taken as read and forms part of these minutes . Claire Nunn and Melanie Gill should be congratulated on the excellent work they do with the Playgroup .

ACTION :Peter to pass on the PCCs thanks to Claire and Melanie.

9. Hill & Dale report ; This was taken as read . The PCC approved the honorarium payments of £500 each to Jean Frost and Ros Palmer . (Proposed by Beverley Guinness and seconded by Hannah Houstin-Lacey) . Any further surplus money in the account as decided by the Treasurer should be transferred to the General Fund to be used as appropriate .

(Outside the meeting, Lyn has asked if there is going to be an increase in subscription to £12 ?)

ACTION : Treasurer to make payments . Debbie to respond to Lyn on the possible increase in the subscription rate to £12.

10. Benefice Web site The information as regards church services across the Benefice is not accurate and is causing considerable confusion .

ACTION : Bernard to discuss with Ian as soon as possible

11. Recruitment of a new Rector for the Benefice: Bernard contacted Jane Hammond , the Clergy Appointments Assistant on Monday and was told that there had been no applications so far . The final date for submissions is 21st November at noon .

12. Fund raising plans for 2025: A bit too early for plans to be made but all regular events (quiz nights, bluebell walk, fete etc) are likely to go ahead .

13. Service patterns for Christmas: These are still not clear and the latest document still has inaccuracies and is not following the timetable set out under paragraph 13 of the previous PCC minutes .

ACTION Bernard to discuss with Ian ASP

14. Church fees: The Winchester DBF fees allocation based on the 2025 Parochial Fees Table was produced and is part of these minutes . It was agreed by all Church Wardens that there were no set fees for each church as any change or fee was depended on what was required such as candles, organists , flowers , bell ringers, vergers etc. In the past those booking services such as weddings, funerals etc informed the person that was taking that particular service what they wanted and a charge was levied in agreement with the Church Warden.

15. Wedding plans for 2025 See paragraph 6.a above

16.St Andrew's Antennae Project The faculty was approved on 1st November and the licence agreement is to be signed by the Bishop of Winchester. The agreement was also signed and witnessed by the Charman of the PCC and two members of the PCC . Debbie added in her note that "the charity are planning the installation in the second half of November which now ensures that they can resume transmission by the end of November in line with Ofcom's requirements to maintain their licence . The DAB are keen to collaborate with the churches going forward to transmit church services and other events such as choir concerts etc."

17.Topics for next meeting : None

18. Future dates for PCC meetings : The following dates were agreed : 18th February, AGM 28th April, 9th June , 2nd September , 11th November .

19. AOB Peter felt that he was being asked to take a number of services in various churches in the Benefice at short notice and too many times , that did not allow him to prepare properly for the conduct and content of those services . This was noted by the members of the PCC.

Bernard read out an email he had sent following the Deanery Synod meeting that he attended on 10th October. The members of the PCC approved of the sentiments expressed in that email.

Bernard Cazenove

Chairman