

Minutes of PCC 10th March 2025 - Meeting at Good Shepherd

Approved at the 2nd June 2025 PCC meeting

Item	Subject	Action
1	Welcome and opening prayer PB chaired and opened in prayer.	N/A
2	Apologies for absence Attendees: Hannah Burns (minutes), Conway Tearle, James Murdoch, Sue Tearle, Revd Chris Henriette, Peter Watson, Pete Burns, John Stevens, Tanya Hilborne, Fran Lechler, Adriaan Goosen, John Murray, Louise Grace. Apologies: John Bramson, Gladys Ekpo-Daniels, Yi Baylis, Simon Frewin, Clare Johnson, Revd Bridget Shepherd.	N/A
3	Declarations of interest None	N/A
4	Acceptance of AOB None	N/A
5	Approval of minutes of meeting of 10th February 2025 and matters arising Minutes - JaM proposed, TH seconded, all attendees approved.	N/A
6	Sabbatical and Parish in Vacancy (Interregnum and Recruitment) update Parish profile JaM was seeking clarification of timeline for the publishing of the advert for the role. Proceed with MAP, parish profile and the advert. PB outlined the parish profile, and will seek input over the next week, to have parish profile in place before the APCM.	N/A
7	<u>Finance update</u> (Accounts to be approved ahead of examiner review) TH queried the 'Give to Go Green' money, which is now included in the note d. Income has increased substantially, increase of c.£20k from 2023 to 2024. Request to approve these accounts for the independent examiner: CT proposing the accounts, JoM seconded. All in favour, and can now go to the examiner.	Action: Accounts to go to the Independent Examiner.
8	Trustees report (final version) JaM updated the PCC:	Trustees report approved.

	<p>JaM received a recent update for the children's church to PCC. JaM proposed approval (subject to any small corrections, and the inclusion of electoral roll), AG seconded. All in favour.</p>	
9	<p>Weigall Road</p> <p>There will be a new working party established.</p> <p>JaM provided an update that the current tenant's house purchase had fallen through, and they have requested to move to a rolling contract.</p> <p>Report on the maintenance tasks on Weigall Road property - JaM is proposing that the new working party establish a programme of works required..</p> <p>CJ has agreed to be part of the working party, and LG will work with CJ to prepare a list of maintenance tasks. JaM will brief CJ and LG on what is required, and has suggested receiving input from professionals in the church.</p> <p>Draft report to return to PCC, a few months after tenants have left.</p>	N/A
10	<p>Wall update and decision on initial PCC contribution</p> <p>https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-rebuild-the-church-of-the-good-shepherd-garden-wall</p> <p>£55k cheapest quote is from Seasons (£44k for Wantage Road, £9k repairs on other section). JaM would like to commence the fundraising. Nathan Lechler has agreed to help with fundraising:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Create a website 2. Write letters to interested parties/stakeholders and users of the church/hall - pointing them to the website. 3. Can look for grants, typically need to have 50% of funds in place, and quite often exclude church boundary walls. <p>Proposal for £20,000 of church funds, and attempt to raise £24,000 of fundraising. Proposal for PCC to commit £20k, proposed by JaM, seconded by AG. In favour - all.</p> <p>Comments on the website:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LG - the payment method needs to be as easy as possible, can we consider defaulting to card payment instead of PayPal. • Confirmation from JaM that we have the proposed £20,000 in the balance sheet. • Timeframe for raising funds: no specific timing on the quote from Seasons. HB suggested we have a timeline on the fundraiser. 	<p>Decision: up to £20k of church funds to be attributed to the Good Shepherd wall.</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consideration of an interest free loan to commence sooner - CT confirmed PCC cannot take a loan without Diocesan approval. <p>FL commented that it would be prudent to inform the congregation of the intention to spend. The intention to spend (and the amount) is included in the Annual Report, and is included in the wording on the fundraiser page. CH commented that we will need to do the communication over a number of weeks. PB suggestion of including in the easter service notices.</p> <p>JaM to speak to Nathan of when to go live with the website, and update the PCC. PW - deadline is 20 March for the newsletter.</p>	
11	<p>Give to Go Green Update</p> <p>ST reported that a joiner has done a site visit, in light of the Diocese stipulating that the accessible entrance is amended. The quote will now be revised, ST will then finalise the petition form on the faculty - which is then a public notice for 28 days.</p> <p>There are further steps of the faculty process, estimated to take a month. Estimating to start early summer.</p>	N/A
12	<p>PCC to instruct Mr Nicholas Weedon as Architect to do Quinquennial Inspection later this year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quinquennial (Good Shepherd) is due October 2025, which is a 5 yearly inspection of the church by a Diocesan architect. The PCC needs to approve the quinquennial, and seeking permission to instruct Mr Nicholas Weedon. It is within budget for 2025. Quinquennial is not required for St.Peter's. ST intends to review the previous quinquennial report, to see if anything is outstanding. ST proposing, seconded PW, all in favour. 	<p>Action: HB to send the letter instructing Nicholas Weedon as the Architect to conduct the Quinquennial Inspection.</p>
13	<p><u>SPMG report</u> + St Peter's Title and <u>New House of Sion</u> - St Peter's Licence</p> <p>PW updated: Cherry Murdoch (CM) was chairing the group, and has decided to no longer be the chair of the group. CM is the only active lay reader in the church.</p>	<p>Decision: Chair of the St.Peter's Management Group to change from Cherry Murdoch to</p>

	<p>Angela Stebbings (previously church warden at St.Peter's) will take over as chair. PCC to approve the change of chair: PW proposing, LG seconded. All in favour.</p> <p>Thanks to CM for her work so far on the group. HB to send thanks on behalf of PCC to CM.</p> <p><u>House of Sion church</u></p> <p>House of Sion are keen to use St.Peter's and have been discussing with Angela Stebbings and Richard Clough. Important that our beliefs align (in particular because they are a church), they have previously used other church buildings. AS and RC have reviewed their safeguarding, and are seeking references. Confirmed theology, which is also inclusive.</p> <p>Mostly in Spanish and Portugese congregation.</p> <p>Proposing a licence for 6 months, to be reviewed at 6 months.</p> <p>PW seeking PCC support, and would like to commence the licence from April. Payment will be monthly up front.</p> <p>Tuesday evening will be kept free from any bookings, in case of Good Shepherd wanting to use it, or any other one off community events.</p> <p>PW proposing, JaM seconding, all in favour.</p> <p>The Management Committee can now be authorised to take on the remaining due diligence and sign the contract.</p>	<p>Angela Stebbings.</p> <p>Action: HB to thank CM for her work, on behalf of the PCC.</p> <p>Decision: The St.Peter's Management Committee are authorised to conduct the remaining due diligence on the House of Sion church, and if deemed fit, sign the contract.</p>
14	<p><u>Agora - Innovation Fund bid</u></p> <p>PB provided an update that during the Chigor Chike (Archdeacon) listening session our desire to be more involved in the community and parish was discussed, and a proposal for a visible community hub near Leegate.</p> <p>There is funding in the Diocese that could be available. Proposal for Agora prepared by JaM, CH and PB - to take a hub in Leegate. Started conversations with the Diocese, who are supporting the shaping of the proposal.</p> <p>The grant would be c.£250k for a 3 year term.</p> <p>Replicability is a key part that the Diocese are looking for, to then apply to another area.</p> <p>JaM - nothing required of PCC, this is an update on how the work is progressing.</p> <p>Addendum on the MAP to signpost that this is the intention. JoM supportive.</p> <p>AG proposed, CH seconded, all in favour.</p>	N/A
15	Update from Deanery Synod (February) - verbal and written report	N/A

	<p>PW updated - the main business of the meeting was regarding Modern Slavery, and how individuals and churches can be involved in the campaign. PW intending to add to the church magazine.</p> <p>CM spoke about lay ministry and lay involvement - PW to include in the church magazine.</p> <p>Email from Deanery Synod:</p> <p>16 March Meeting of the Woolwich manaclan link with Zimbabwe (Chris to print)</p> <p>19 March Rev Steven at St. Swithins.</p>	
16	<p>Safeguarding, Health and safety update, GDPR compliance</p> <p>LG update - Foodbank are working through the volunteers to ensure volunteer forms are updated, and key holders to complete their training.</p>	N/A
17	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Letter 14.1.25 from Winkworth Sherwood re St Peter's Title - see above</p> <p>Letter from Archdeacon to Wardens re Vacancy</p>	N/A
18	<p>AOB</p> <p>Electrics at St.Peter's - CT to follow up with LG</p>	N/A
19	<p>Date of next meeting: APCM & PCC is 11th May.</p> <p>Upcoming meeting dates here</p>	N/A
20	<p>Closing prayer</p> <p>CH closed in prayer</p>	N/A