

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, HENLEAZE



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on 14th May 2020 via Zoom

Ex-Officio Members	
Clergy	
The Revd Canon Mark Pilgrim	Present
Lay Ministers	
Ian Love	Apologies
Sarah Thomas	Present
Kathy Kilgour	Present
Churchwardens	
Lindsey Traub	Present
Sarah Hardiman	Present
Deanery Synod Reps	
[Kathy Kilgour]	[Present]
Sarah Thorne	Present
[Sarah Thomas]	[Present]
Diocesan Synod Rep	
[Sarah Thorne]	[Present]
[Julian Clover]	[Apologies]
vacancy	vacancy

	Elected Members	
2019	Mary Goronwy	Present
	Catherine Leask	Apologies
	Wendy Young	Present
	Mike Leddra	Present
	Georgina Cope (Nov. 2019)	Present
2018	Jane Boyle	Apologies
	Valerie Bishop	Present
	Peter Dyer	Apologies
	Erik Dirdal	Present
2017	Emma Bolton	Present
	David Fenna (Treasurer)	Present
	Alistair Robinson	Present
	Jane Crawford	Present
	Sandy Hollinghurst	Present

Secretary: Katharine Ford

Attendance 17 / 21 = 80%

Note: The required quorum for the meeting is one third of the members, i.e. 7

The meeting was chaired by the vicar.

1. Worship and Welcome The meeting opened with prayer led by David Fenna.

2. Apologies for absence - received from Pete Dyer and Catherine Leask.

3. Minutes of the last meeting These were approved and will be signed in due course.

Extra item: Accounts

Financial Review 2019 & Accounting Policies

Our thanks to David for preparing these, with an addition about Covid-19. He reported a successful year and commented as follows:

on income - increased planned giving (which is currently holding up well), fundraising, the grant from the Co-op, increased Halls income, and a legacy -

and on expenditure - an increased Parish Share for 2020 (to £100,250), necessary work on the buildings, outreach giving, a full year of youth worker's salary.

Overall, for 2019 there was a total net surplus in Restricted and Unrestricted Activities of £34,112.

Covid-19 has necessitated additional measures, but as we have reserves, we are a going concern; this is detailed in the Accounting Policies circulated (Going Concern Accounting Policy).

Questions :-

Investments : David and Mark confirmed that our investments are done through the CofE Central Board of Finance and would therefore be with eco-friendly organisations.

Parish Share : This has already been agreed in accordance with the Diocesan recommendation, and it is hoped we will not need to review the amount. The vicar knows there will be anxiety in the Diocese over finance during the Covid-19 economic situation.

Halls : We have had a surplus from the Halls income recently, but David felt we may go into a negative financial state with no rental (£10 - 12,000 would be the worst case scenario). Mike said we have receipts for Halls use until March and may be able to resume again in the autumn, with the loss of only 6 months. He also suggested that school or after-school clubs may soon be looking for extra space and we could take this forward – to be communicated to Emma Woodworth.

Resolution: That this PCC approve the 2019 Accounts.

This was proposed by Sandy Hollinghurst, seconded by Sarah Thorne, and passed.

4. Review of church activities since lockdown

Sunday services

The services at 10am and 7.30pm using conference call have proved difficult because of poor signal/connection, so these will now take place on Zoom with David Fenna hosting at 10am and Sarah Thomas hosting at 7.30pm.

The all age Zoom service at 11am has gone very well, with some ex-Horizon congregation turning up. We also thank Simon for the Monday evening Youth Group on Zoom.

Sarah Thomas commented that some of the congregation are not joining in on Sundays online because these people are content to worship on their own, or watch a youtube church service online, or a service on TV or radio, and she understands that they feel looked after by St Peter's. Sandy asked if some sectors were not being served, but the vicar reported that Mary is ringing round, paperwork is being delivered and this is all appreciated.

House Group on Monday evenings (fortnightly) has not been meeting so far as one member has not got internet access.

Bible Study Group on Wednesday evenings (fortnightly) has been taking place remotely.

Outreach and Communications The website has been updated to reflect the lockdown situation. Emma Bolton reported that Facebook is working well with 60 followers and will be a good way to get out messages when events start up. On the website "A church near you", St Peter's is receiving about 200 hits per month. The free books, "Where is God in a Coronavirus World?" by John Lennox have all been taken and 100 more ordered; the books given away contain a contact

slip. The vicar is considering how to start a virtual book group to discuss it, and also a group to review "Phoebe" by Paula Gooder.

Pastoral Care Our thanks to Mary who rings round, covering a total of 200 people in the cycle.

5. Future Events

Ascension Day: Thursday 21st May.

There will be a communion service at 10am on conference call.

Thy Kingdom Come: 21st - 31st May (Pentecost).

As last year, Christians are especially asked to pray for five people; Kathy Kilgour is planning prayer activities outside the church including a prayer walk to be done in people's own time, and ribbons in rainbow colours, to mark people's prayers, to be tied on the church railings.

Patronal Festival and Kandis Douglas' welcome: Sunday 5th July.

Kandis will join us on that day as we welcome her as our part time curate. There will be no ordinations during lockdown, but all curates will be licensed as lay workers from 5th July. We may be able to hold a socially distanced picnic that day in the church garden. (NB Step 3 of the Government plan suggests some places of worship may open at the beginning of July, but Mark is clear that health care must remain paramount for us.)

6. Governance The vicar confirmed that the APCM needs to take place by the end of October, and that PCC stay as we are until then.

7. AOB

The Eco-Committee has met on Zoom, and Sarah Hardiman reported that the eco-garden is going ahead with planting, including the planting of a tree ; the audit is still be completed.

Georgina Cope reported that Simon Collins' work on Zoom with young people requires an online safety approval and this has been implemented.

The Online Youth Work Safeguarding Policy and the Youth Communications Parental Consent form are included in the mailing of these minutes.

8. Date of next meeting Thursday 18th June 2020, on Zoom.

9. Prayer The vicar closed in praying for these difficult times we are in, and with a Blessing and the Grace.