**Parish of the Resurrection**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council**

**Wednesday 20th November, 7.30pm**

**1.** The meeting opened with **Worship & Prayer**, led by Revd Joy Windsor.

**2. In attendance** was: Revd Andrew Micklefield (AM), Jenny Lawrence (JL), Tim Loy (TL), Lisa Hillan (LH), Andrew Russell (AR), Alan Armstrong (AA), Revd Joy Windsor (JW), Robin Kemp (RK), Tim Duddridge (TD), Angie Briggs (AB), Wendy Burnhams (WB); Revd Lynn Power (LP), Peter Bell (PB), Margaret Bell (MB), Revd Rachel Sturt (RS), Revd Gordon Randall (GR), Keith Arrowsmith Oliver (KO), Elspeth Mackeggie Gurney (EG), Colin Aiken (CA) (20)

Observer: John Hubbard (JH) up until the end of Item 3.1.

Apologies were received from: John Vivian (JV), Sarah Neish (SN), Derek Gurney (DG)

Minutes of last meeting were approved. Andrew R has rewritten the wording of the Emily Jane Trust item.

There were **no** Matters Arising.

**3. Terms of Reference - Andrew Micklefield​**

The Standing Committee & DCCs AM outlined some proposals for restructuring the current arrangements for standings committee’s and DCC’s, particularly in regard to how larger projects are managed, e.g. fabric projects.

JH said there are some larger projects coming which will need skill and expertise to manage. The Standing Committee may need to be the ‘planner’ for these groups, and will need to liaise with Treasurer and Bookkeeper to keep control of finances.

**Action: AM will draw together the various suggestions in the new year with the aim to present at the next APM.**

**4. Finance & Stewardship - John Hubbard & Andrew Russell**

General Fund is in positive balance largely due to the renewal of giving campaign, and the substantial increase in hall and church hiring income, thanks to the work by JH and the Parish Office to improve invoicing procedures. AR stressed that it is important that Busy Bees remain viable to maintain the income stream.

Other funds The HR project is now complete, and all HR budgets are now in deficit. The PMAP is OK (this had paid for the Youth Minister’s salary), and there are some legacies for the AS Fabric.

Budget for next year Income for next year has been reduced due to their being no Jigsaw Festival (loss of £4-5k). The budget assumes hall hiring income continues as before, including Busy Bees nursery. Monthly Market income continues to be included. Historically the monthly market income has gone to fabric but this was changed because the POTR Fabric Fund is healthy, and therefore there was a need to change to general fund reserve as the Common Mission Fund payable to diocese has gone up. An overall deficit of £5k is currently budgeted, but hopefully this will be less by early next year.

AR proposed to approve the budget in principle at this stage, subject to adjustment in new year.

**Resolution: The PCC approved the budget in principle for next year.**

Appointment of new Treasurer JH introduced Colin Aikin, who has agreed to take over the role of Treasurer from AR. The A&R Committee recommend this appointment. CA introduced himself and spoke of his career to date, and his reasons for his interest in the role. He is an AS worshipper.

*Post Meeting note requested by Colin Aikin:*

I would like to say a big “thank you” to both Andrew R and John H for being so welcoming towards me. Between them, they allayed any concerns I had about taking on the role of Treasurer. I would also like to thank the members of the PCC for welcoming me into the meeting this evening. I hope that I can live up to the high standard set by Andrew. Many thanks, Colin Aiken.

**Resolution: The PCC approved the appointment of Colin Aikin as the new Treasurer.**

AM thanked AR for his last five years as Treasurer and how grateful he was for all his hard work. AR responded that he had enjoyed his tenure, but felt it was time for a new person to provide some new energy. AR expressed his thanks to Tori Hewitt, the Bookkeeper, who has been a rock, and also the Parish office admin team.

Cashless donation – JH reported that the rollout had not yet been extended to all churches. He would like to trial the use of the existing St L machine to the other churches for each Christmas service across the parish. Tokens will be introduced that people giving through the parish giving scheme can use.

JH left the meeting.

**5. Eco Church Update - Elspeth Mackeggie Gurney**

EG reported that there had been a very successful launch despite no ice cream van. Good range of pledges made. These will be revisited at the next eco church service to see how people have progressing.

The C of E planned initiative Lent 2020 will be followed.

Priorities for the next 3-6 months

• Lifestyle – create a POTR recycle webpage

• Monthly eco tips on website

• Christmas cards – donate to charity instead of sending cards; recycle cards after Christmas; recycle unwanted gifts

• Buildings survey to look at eco use

• Cycle racks – the group will research the best rack to be put at each church

• Land – use of St L churchyard – meeting with Alton TC to discuss the use of the churchyard as more wilderness area

• Worship – Mothering Sunday – worship the earth instead of mothers; prayers to be sent out

• Join with ACAN – join with other churches

• Fairtrade fortnight – bake off competition open to community

• Chose local national and international charities

• Parish matters – this has already been reduced in size

• Fair trade used in all churches

Things to be done Communications needs to improved, and information boards will be put up in all the churches. Also need to improve communication feedback to the group - need a rep from each church to be a point of contact for eco church. There has been some sensitivity around comments made in Sunrise. EG requested that a formal comment to be sent to the Sunrise Editor by AM

Aim to apply for the bronze award by April 2020.

AM thanked EG and the Eco-Church group for their work so far – the progress in a short time has been huge.

**6. Town Chaplaincy - Margaret Bell​**

MB provided a brief explanation of Town Chaplaincy and how it worked.

Two meetings have been held with other churches in town. The catholic priest did not attend either meeting but has agreed to a meeting. Small group of 3 so far (all from POTR) but would like someone from other church. Police would like to see the pastors out more often. There is scope for chaplains in daytime role to provide a regular visible presence out and about in everyday life. No qualifications needed for role – need to be a good listener and recommended by the vicar. It would be beneficial for pastors to be in a uniform so they are easily recognisable.

**Action: MB to bring proposal by end of January back to PCC.**

AM thanked Margaret and Peter Bell for their work so far.

**7. Youth Work update - Andrew Micklefield​**

AM gave an update on the work of the group looking into youth work provision in the parish. The group has met once and identified lots of different groups:

• Young people (11-18) – church and wider community – how much time should be invested in people within church, and out into the community;

• Students and Alton College – chaplain to further education sector in Alton. Students come from outside the parish area.

• Schools – two secondary schools (Amery and Eggars) – very open to working with us.

• Families – huge opportunity to work with wider family members.

• Children – lots of work already with children but could do more.

One person can’t be expected to do all of this, therefore there is a need to determine the priority, and where things link together. E.g. Children & Families, education/teenagers.

Key qualities needed:

• Need to be able to galvanise others to help and volunteer. Also need to be comfortable in church situation, and maybe take role within church activities.

• Need to be able to coordinate within all the groups.

• Think strategically.

• Ability to enable and empower other people.

• Life experience important.

• Charismatic person that children would see as a role model and wish to aspire to.

Possible options:

• Maybe some interns with an overall coordinator in a leading role.

• Maybe 14-18 year olds can act as mentors to younger children, maybe siblings.

• Need to learn from the previous people who have had the role – what have we learnt?

• Also working with Town Chaplains and other churches – grow Christians rather than grow Anglicans.

**Action: Group will continue with their work and report back at future PCC meeting.**

**8. Building/Fabric Updates​**

8.1 Approval is sought for an application for bench outside St Lawrence Church for Ian and Judith Toombs in remembrance. Members of the family are paying for the bench.

**Resolution: PCC approved the installation of a bench outside St Lawrence Church in memory of Ian and Judith Toombs.**

8.2 Approval is ought for the planting of a tree at Holybourne Church for Andrews Endowed School who celebrated their 300 year anniversary, and would like to have a tree planted to commemorate this occasion.

**Resolution: PCC approved the planting of a tree at Holybourne Church for Andrews Endowed School for their 300 year anniversary celebration.**

**9. AOB**

All PCC members need to complete the online safeguarding training, and ensure that all are DBS checked. Sally Kemp will contact all those who need to complete this.

8. Closing prayer led by AM.

Meeting closed at 21.15