

Holy Cross Church Binsted Parochial Church Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 19th June 2023 at 2pm at Wyck Farm, the home of Kay and Andrew Hunter Johnston

Those present: Rev Matt Boyes [Chairman]; Stella Croom-Johnson: [Deputy Chairman & Church Warden]; Christopher Ogilvie Thompson [Assistant Priest]
 Cathie Weldon [Church Warden]: Kathy Ogilvie Thompson; Andrew Croom-Johnson [Treasurer]; Pam Smith; Kay Hunter Johnston; Jonathan Bourne; Nick Carter: Angela Dunne [Secretary]

		Action
	<p>Welcome and opening Prayer MB opened the meeting by quoting Psalm 92 and then a prayer</p>	
1	<p>Apologies Andrew Hunter Johnston</p>	
2	<p>Minutes of the meeting held on 20.3.2023 Approved and signed by MB</p>	
3	<p>Matters Arising from previous PCC minutes</p> <p>5.2 [f] Friends of Binsted Church from 20.3.2023 [i] Various names were suggested by PCC members who they thought may be interested in the Friends of Binsted Church Scheme. These are:- Ron Neil, Sue Clarke, Geoff Clarke, Lester Corney, Val Gill, Aimee Mc Cloud [all residents of Binsted village], Sue Stephenson [resident of Wyck] Sharron Morton HT of Binsted School, Luke [Deputy Manager of Binsted Inn] Members of the PCC will be asking these people if they would like to be involved. [ii] It was also agreed to have a sign at the Binsted fete also asking for volunteers. [iii] SCJ said that she would inform Anne and Alan Shelley about the proposed scheme as they have been working on fundraising for the church.</p> <p>5[c] Churchyard gardener from 20.3.2023 and Churchyard maintenance – NC explained the issues regarding the mowing and strimming of the churchyard and the costs involved which were quoted in the March minutes. In addition, he highlighted that the way James Tallent currently mows the front part of the churchyard leaves it looking quite untidy as it involves his mower mulching the grass. He posed the question are we happy with this? Furthermore, he stated that the far end of the graveyard is now rather overgrown and there have been a couple of complaints about this especially near to existing graves. Discussions followed and it was agreed that NC contact Gerald Taylor who is now doing some part time gardening work. He should be approached to quote for doing some of the work in the Churchyard.</p>	<p>AD NC KHJ</p> <p>SCJ</p> <p>NC</p>

	<p>NC agreed to put an advert in the Parish magazine asking for a volunteer from the wider community to help with the work needed in the Churchyard.</p> <p>10[b] Organ update – from 20.3.2023 KHJ reported that her original faculty application needed amending with scaled drawings being submitted. In addition, the Diocesan committee required 3D drawings from different angles for the positioning of the new electronic organ. It may be necessary to ask Antony Feltham King to help with this. SCJ requested that the completed drawings and details are sent on to her too as these will need to be added to the revised faculty application before it can be submitted. ACJ confirmed that there was some money left in the music fund to cover any extra costs for Antony Feltham King to do this additional work.</p> <p>11.1 Churchyard extension from 20.3.2023 KOT reported that permission has now been granted to extend the graveyard provision. She has been in contact with John Stephens who currently farms the land, that once the current crop has been mowed there will be no more planting in the area designated for the new graves. However, there is a requirement to measure the land accurately and this may require a surveyor. It was suggested to ask Ron Neil to do this. KOT explained that she had been given advisory notes from SDNP for a hedge to be erected as the new boundary and a request to plant wildflowers. This was discussed and it was agreed that a hedge would spoil the superb view of the landscape beyond the graveyard and that the upkeep of a wild meadow requires a lot of maintenance. Discussions also took place with regard to where the excess spoil would go. It was agreed to excavate a big ditch to accommodate it in the future.</p>	<p>NC</p> <p>KHJ</p> <p>KOT</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Safeguarding - AD had spoken to Susan Bourne who reported that no safeguarding issues had been reported.</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Finance-</p> <p>5.1 Report from the Treasurer – ACJ ACJ had sent the PCC a spread sheet of income and expenditure for the period 1st January to 31st May 2023 via email prior to the meeting. A copy of which is in the minute file. [a] He reported that since 31st May he has had to pay a number of invoices relating to the spire repairs and he has used monies from the fabric fund and Spire Appeal. He highlighted the on-going difficulties with the remounting of the pole which will hold the new weathervane, [details</p>	

	<p>outlined in the Fabric report] which has resulted in additional costs. This cost is £6,042.00 + VAT. The PCC was asked to approve this. It was proposed by CW and seconded by KOT. All agreed.</p> <p>The builders are urgently waiting for the specialist drill part to arrive to complete the work. ACJ informed the PCC it is costing £3,900 per month for the existing scaffolding to be in place. In the near future ACJ will ask for the scaffolding to be costed weekly when there is a date for the work to be done.</p> <p>[b] ACJ informed the PCC that a small amount of excess money not used to repair Monty's banner has been put into the spire appeal.</p> <p>[c] ACJ explained that there had been an administrative error regarding the Chanel repair liability grant. This has been paid twice and despite ACJ pointing this out they have yet to ask for the payment back.</p> <p>[d] ACJ explained that he has been working with Steve Fice regarding the revised figures for the cost of repairs to the spire. The total cost so far is £78,750.00. Donations received for the spire appeal are £15,000. Taking into account monies used from the fabric fund there is now a shortfall of £40,000. This total will now be our fundraising target and an updated appeal will appear in the next parish magazine. ACJ has comprehensive details of the expenditure for the spire works. He will pass this onto AD who will include it in the minute file.</p> <p>[e] ACJ said that three months of our parish share have not been paid due to our current financial problems funding the repairs to the church and the spire. If the parish share was being paid, we would be overdrawn by £2,000.</p> <p>[f] There is an outstanding VAT refund to be paid but the rules are that this will not be paid until all the current works and payment are finished. However, ACJ is going to appeal this as we urgently need some of the money.</p> <p>5.2 Fundraising</p> <p>[a] The following fundraising ideas were suggested by PCC members, and it was noted that Anne and Alan Shelley are kept informed of these ideas. Come Dine with Me AD Tea/Coffee at Mill Court KOT Line dancing AD Celebrity Chef CW Crowd source funding JB</p> <p>[b] Harvest supper jointly with the Wickham Hall committee</p> <p>[c] Open evening on 16th September with guided tours of the church 4.30.-6.30pm with wine and nibbles and bell ringing.</p>	<p>ACJ</p> <p>ACJ AD</p> <p>ACJ</p>
<p>6</p>	<p>Feedback on recent events</p> <p>6.1 Maundy Service at Froyle at 5:30pm and Passover meal at Bentley</p> <p>6.2 FOBS Easter Fun/Fair -Saturday 25th March - an excellent village community event.</p> <p>6.3 Easter: Good Friday 7th April meditation service at Binsted – enjoyed by those who attended.</p> <p>6.4 Easter Day – 9th April 9:30am HC service at Binsted</p> <p>6.5 Churchyard working party morning Saturday 22nd April – good to have village people volunteering too.</p> <p>6.6 APCM – 23rd April</p> <p>6.7 Coronation weekend 6th- 8th May.</p> <p>6.8 24/7 Prayer week – 21 – 28 May [Prayer Stations] – many of these are now located in the Lady Chapel. COT has contacted the Headteacher at Binsted school to encourage the younger children in Oaks and Rowan's</p>	

	class to visit the stations. However, the children will need help to fully engage with the theme and meanings of the prayer stations.	
7	<p>Proposed New service Pattern MB</p> <p>Members of the PCC were sent a copy of the proposed new service pattern before the meeting. At the meeting MB outlined the reasoning for the new service pattern. These included the development of children's work, and mission and outreach to Kingsley. He hoped that Messy Church will take place once a month alternating between Binsted and Froyle.</p> <p>The proposed new service pattern was proposed by KOT and seconded by PS. All were in favour.</p>	
8.	<p>8.1 Binsted Fete – 8th July - CW said that she was disappointed that a small committee had not been formed to help plan and organise the church stall at the fete. However, she has had help from Pippa who organises the church stall at the Bentley fete. She will provide and help operate a badge making machine, Linda and Marilyn will do face painting and the bee and raft prayer stations along with a prayer tree will be in place, plus details about the spire appeal and lego to make spires. There was some discussion about the positioning of the church stall. CW will request a new position to the fete organiser. MB asked that the new Alpha course which is planned to begin in the Autumn term is advertised.</p> <p>CW asked for offers of help to erect and dismantle the marquee which will be used again at the pet service. NC and others volunteered.</p> <p>8.2 Binsted Marquee pet service – 9th July this needs advertising well as it wasn't well attended last year.</p> <p>8.3 Bentley Marquee service and Messy Church 16th July a planning meeting for the messy church activities is planned for 21st June. Thorough advertising and emails need to be sent out to inform of this one-off new timing.</p> <p>8.4 Summer timetable of services – see magazine and online information.</p> <p>8.5 Wheatley Teas 19th/20th August – this is happening this year. Binsted church urgently need the funds from the profits of the teas. Volunteers were asked to help NC set up and help with rotas and cake making.</p> <p>8.6 Ride & Stride 9th September SCJ</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>KOT</p> <p>NC & all</p>

	<p>8.7 October weekend away MB reported that a lot is happening at the present time so this will not take place. KOT suggested a Church Day instead.</p> <p>8.8 16th September – Open evening 4.30-6.30 including guided tours of the church with drinks and nibbles and bell ringing.</p> <p>8.9 31st October – rededication service of the Church with retired Major General Tim Cross preaching. KHJ to invite Montgomery’s family to attend.</p>	
9.	<p>Single Parish - MB reported that the various groups were meeting and that reports were being prepared with proposals. A joint PCC meeting will take place in the future.</p>	
10	<p>Fabric Report SCJ had sent out her fabric report to all members of the PCC prior to the meeting. A copy of which is in the minute file. Further expenses have been accrued due to difficulties encountered in drilling into the ancient wood in the spire. The quote from the builder was circulated prior to the meeting and it was explained that additional scaffolding cost are also being incurred until the spire repairs are completed. This was proposed and agreed see point 5.1 [a]</p> <p>AD asked if any chancel repair liability can be obtained from Cambridge University. SCJ said that they are very unreliable in answering emails but that they do have a liability of £4,000 which is being pursued.</p>	
11	<p>Toilet Project Update KHJ said that she has updated the conservation management plans, the optional analysis and the statement of needs for the toilet project. She is waiting for Antony Feltham Kings new drawings. KHJ has agreed to send Anne Shelley the conservation management plan as it has lots of information regarding historical facts about the church which may be useful as Anne is preparing the new tour trail leaflet about the church. MB said that he had communicated with Ron Neil regarding the next steps for the new smaller re-ordering committee.</p>	KHJ
12	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>[a] ACJ said that he has applied for a contactless machine from the Diocese at a cost of £30. This is a static machine and will be placed on the table near the entrance to the church. The machine will require an extension electric cable for it to operate. If the application is successful and the machine is installed the diocese will monitor how well it is being used.</p>	ACJ

	<p>[b] SCJ was proposed by NC and seconded by KOT to be Vice Chair of the PCC. All were in favour. SCJ was thanked for continuing to do this role.</p>	
13	Dates and venues of next meeting 5th September 2023 30th October 2023	
	The meeting closed at 4.15pm	