

Parish of All Saints PCC Meeting Minutes

Date 17 August 2023

1. Present: Fr Charles Sutton, Adam Chivers, Annette Young, James Norman, Georgina Harford, Helen Clifton, Janice Callow, Mary Benton, Ruth Baker

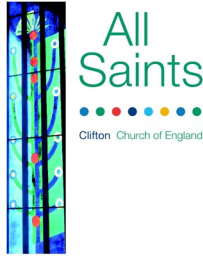
2. Apologies for absence – Steve O’Keefe, Eric Tyson, Vicky Gordon, Sue Perry, Liz Badman

3. Elections

- (1) Steve was proposed by Mary as PCC secretary (seconded by James) and elected unanimously.
- (2) Subject to his agreement to continue as such, Eric was proposed by James (seconded by Georgina) as PCC Treasurer and elected unanimously. Sympathy and good wishes were extended to Eric following his father’s death. The significant work that Eric did (often well under the radar) and the speed at which, with assistance from Norman and Philippa, he assimilated the knowledge necessary to do the job were appreciated by all.

4. Fabric report

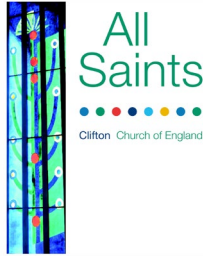
- (a) A report had been circulated before the meeting.
- (b) It was explained that the **new external notice board** was to be installed the following day.
- (c) **Porch lighting**. It was agreed that AJ Smith would be invited to provide a breakdown of the estimate it had submitted and that we would accept the invitation to explain what was proposed. A date would be arranged later in the year and PCC members would be invited to attend.
- (d) **Piper windows**. It was proposed by Georgina (seconded by Janice) and agreed by all save for John (who abstained as he had not been present for the discussion) that a contribution of £1,000 should be made to the BSMGP appeal to support young stained glass practitioners. ASC would host one of the lectures that were to take place as part of its outreach campaign.
- (e) A layer of complication had been added to the planning application for the **atrium project**. It was not envisaged that there would be a need for an extended



- budget to include the work necessary to produce the feasibility study for re-positioning the PV panels on to the Randall Room roof. It was suggested that the very visible panels on the United Reform Church in Whiteladies Road might provide a useful precedent. Concern was expressed at the risk of noise from the ASHPs impacting on services. Adam indicated that the application provided for them to be sound insulated (details to worked out at a later stage).
- (f) **Randall Room water leak.** It was agreed that professional advice should be sought on the cause and most effective remedy. Adam would secure appropriate authority for the fees involved.
 - (g) It was reported that the national association of **DACs** was to have its **annual conference** in Bristol on 5/6 September and would be visiting ASC on 6 September (chosen as ASC was regarded as a excellent example of a church where projects were designed to maximise community involvement).
 - (h) **Streaming and security.** This project was proceeding. It would enable effective use of a QR code.
 - (i) **Defibrillators.** This project would be actioned.
 - (j) **Paschal candle and studs.** These had been stolen. The studs were the gift of Swarna. The police were on the case. A social network appeal was to be launched.
 - (k) The **endowment trustees** would be kept informed of progress on fabric matters.

5. Finance

- (a) It was proposed by Adam (seconded by John) and agreed that **Wendy's salary** be uplifted (backdated to take effect from July) in accordance with the change in CPI. Calculation of the precise figure would be left to Eric. Fr Charles reported that Wendy had achieved great success in securing bookings for the Randall Room (although we had to expect that there would be something of a drop-off because of the cost of living increase). It was suggested that bookings in Holy Week should be reviewed because of the impact of noise on church services.
- (b) **Jayne Toderia.** Fr Charles reported that Bp Viv had indicated that the diocese's relationship with Uganda should be reviewed in the light of its attitude to same-sex relationships but that personal relationships with communities and individuals were not affected. It was agreed that we should honour the commitment we had already made to contribute to the cost of her eye surgery.
- (c) **Sudanese student refugees** to Uganda from Sudan. Georgina would include an item in a future issue of ASC News and she would produce a note for the matter to be considered at the next PCC meeting.
- (d) **Brochures.** It was suggested that in recent editions (a) there was an excess of events (some repletion of recurring items)/too much detail and (b) the inclusion of Masses at Cotham etc was misleading (as members of the ASC community rarely attended there). Fr Charles explained that current diocesan thinking



emphasised the crossing of parish boundaries and cooperation between individual churches. It was proposed by John (seconded by Janice) and agreed (with Mary, Ruth and James abstaining) that £4,000 per year should be allocated to the cost of the brochures. (The last issue cost c £1,700).

6. All Saints Food point.

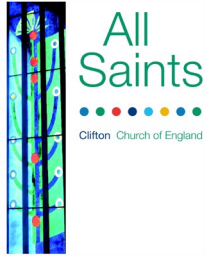
- (a) A report had been circulated before the meeting.
- (b) It was recognised that the food point was well used and that abuse of it was extremely rare but the contents fluctuated and that, although we would not want to lose the benefit of ad hoc contributions, there was a need to place the operation on a more structured footing.
- (c) It was recognised that there was an unmet need for advice to those who had difficulties in dealing with forms or who would benefit from help from other agencies. It was suggested that an advice sheet could be organised (Bristol City Council no longer providing this). Fr Charles explained that Wendy did a lot to help those who needed support.
- (d) It was agreed that the food point service should continue, that it would be the ASC Harvest 'charity' and that its operation should come within the ambit of the Church and Community Working Group.

7. Review of cleaning needs. It was reported that the working group would be meeting before the end of the month.

8. St John's Trust. Adam reported that responsibility for this small trust had been assumed by the diocese some time ago when it had been consolidated with others for administrative purposes. The funds were managed by CCLA who had raised issues of its governance. It did not, so far as we knew, enjoy charitable status or pay tax. We did not have the trust deed and so could not determine with certainty the objects of the trust. We had tried unsuccessfully over a long time to find out its proper status with the diocese and would continue to do so. Adam indicated that it had a value of c £10,000 but it was suggested that at one time its funds were c £60,000. Adam would investigate and if necessary would contact Norman/Philippa.

9. Safeguarding. It was agreed that photos of the PCC members and other relevant people would be displayed. James kindly agreed to take them at an occasion to be agreed.

10. Early Worship Team and Church and Community Working Group. Reports had been circulated before the meeting and were noted with thanks.



11. The **minutes** of the **PCC** meeting on **14 June 2023** were approved

12. The **minutes** of the **Standing Committee** Meeting on **8 August 2023** were noted.

Minutes Approved