

**WEBSITE MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF RUSTINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd June 2021**

Present: All members bar three were present.

The Minutes of the PCC meeting 27th April 2021 and 30th May were approved.

Henry Ave – Laura has now moved in and very happy with the house. Unfortunately, there has been a problem with a leak in the roof (due to heavy rain) causing water damage in one of the bedrooms. This has now been fixed.

Lych Gates - the Archdeacon List B Faculty has been turned down at the moment. They would like more information and to see if any of the old wood and hinges can be reused.

*Safeguarding Officer – at the meeting on 30th May the Secretary omitted to put forward Keith Henderson for election as our Safeguarding Officer. It was **proposed that Keith Henderson be elected as our Safeguarding Officer and be co-opted onto the PCC.** Duly seconded. All voted in favour.*

PCC tonight – The second session of the CPAS course – Why does the PCC exist? Natalie asked members to discuss in pairs what they would say to someone if they were in a lift and the other person said – “What does being a PCC members mean?”

Some of the replies given –

- Elected by the congregation to work with the Vicar on Church Management.
- Fundraising.
- You are a Trustee of the Church as a Charity.
- Responsible for Safeguarding and Policies.
- Promote Christianity.
- To help the Incumbent and Churchwardens including Pastoral and Mission areas.
- A group of volunteers elected to oversee the management of the Church.

Natalie had put up 5 areas for members to read about Why the PCC exists –

- It exists to enable the church to play its part in God’s mission to his world.
- It exists to co-operate with the minister in sharing leadership.
- It exists to ensure legal compliance with charity law and ecclesiastical law, in particular in the areas of finance, employment and appointments,
- It exists to care for the buildings and churchyard so that they may be best suited for the purpose of the church’s ministry and mission.
- It exists to be a channel of consultation within the wider Church through its synodical structures on matters that affect the Church locally and nationally.

A question was asked about the function of the Standing Committee – this group have the authority to make decisions that maybe can’t wait until the PCC meeting such as the roof at Henry Ave. They meet in between PCC meetings to undertake the ‘nuts and bolt’ business in advance of the PCC meeting to prevent PCC members having to spend a lot of time on the more minute details. If necessary, they can be emailed by the secretary for a decision.

It was asked if the Standing Committee was just reactionary or was it proactive - it tends to be far more reactionary.

The PCC can co-op people who may have areas of strength and members need to be aware of anyone in the congregation that may be useful.

Ministry Groups – Everyone had received a list/table of suggested groups, devised using information gathered and worked on in the past. There are six main areas and Natalie would like a couple of PCC members for each area who will meet with the leaders/co-ordinators a few times a year. They would be the link support and report back to the PCC as necessary. Initially Natalie will also meet with each group to discuss where we are at, the way forward

and review church life, especially following Covid. It possible the first meetings will take place before the PCC meeting in September.

Treasurers Report and Generosity Week Introduction – a report was circulated prior to the meeting.

Generosity weeks will start on 18th July with a presentation, in church. Natalie will have written to all those on our electoral roll before this. The following week – 20th July Natalie will preach a biblical sermon on giving.

On 1st August at the outdoor Eucharist it is hope that people will make a response.

PCC members will receive an updated version of the report – Understanding our Finances that Natalie wrote last year.

Policies – two updated policies had been sent out to members. Natalie asked that the policies be approved. It was **proposed that the Investments Policy be accepted**. Duly seconded. All members voted in favour.

It was **proposed that the Conflicts of Interest Policy be accepted**. Duly seconded. All members voted in favour.

Covid Update – services will remain as they are until the end of July. It is proposed that after the outdoor service on 1st Aug the pattern of Sunday services will change. 8.30am a traditional said service then a sung Eucharist at 10.00am. Once we know about the lifting of restrictions a decision can be made on numbers attending.

The Mission group will be holding an outside mission market with the possibility of serving lunches in the hall. There will be two sittings with numbers restricted to around 25 per sitting. Table service only.

Safeguarding – report sent out prior to the meeting. New members will be contacted re DBS forms.

Health and Safety – report sent out prior to the meeting. Natalie wished to express a big thank you to the Hall Manager in the mammoth task of getting the hall up and running again. He is even assisting groups in undertaking their risk assessments.

Deanery Matters/Churches together in Rustington – there is to be a zoom meeting of CtiR.

Deanery – Nominations have taken place for Diocesan Synod Elections. Names of representatives will be shared later.

On Wednesday 23rd June A and B Deanery will have its Deanery Review meeting online. No date yet published for Deanery Synod.

Matters raised by the Vicar – Laura will be ordained this coming Saturday and for the first 6mths to a year will be learning and not just a 'pair of hands'. In the next few weeks, it would be good to try and get the PCC members round to the Vicarage to meet Laura over some drinks.

Please would members keep Sat 25th September free for a Vision Day/morning. We need to think about resurrection not resuscitation!

With a list of places running Community Hubs we can arrange for members to visit after Natalie has contacted them.

Matters raised by the Churchwardens – Swearing in service due to take place on Tues 6th July.

Any other business – Churchyard Working Party – on the 10th July from 10am – 12 md a working party is needed to tidy up the churchyard. A message will be placed in the weekly new sheet asking for volunteers. A rota for keeping the Memorial Garden tidy is also required.