

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF RUSTINGTON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 22nd March 2022 at 7pm**

Present: There were 13 people present.

1. **Devotions** – The meeting began with a period of reflection.
2. **Welcome and Apologies** - Apologies had been received from 5 people.
3. **Approve the Minutes of the PCC Meeting 1st February 2022** – The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting.
4. **Matters arising from the above minutes** – *none*.
5. **Confidentiality of minutes** – The minutes will be préciséd by the Secretary and put on the website. A full copy of the minutes will be displayed in church.
6. **Treasurer's report** – the Treasurer went through the PCC accounts. A couple of questions had been received before the meeting via email to the secretary.
*In 2a: Grants – £802. Parish Council was £750. Where does the other £52 come from?
From HMRC. It was a furlough payment for the Church Hall.
Item 3: Reordering Account Expenditure – Unrestricted Funds £1,071. What was this for?
Payment for the Quinquennial Inspection – seems to have come from General Account.
Restricted Funds £954? For MODE to come and check their equipment which controls the church lighting. This one came from Humphrey money in Multiple Funds bank account.
6b - Reserve Account (Faulkner) - £15,000
We sold shares to raise that amount, but I don't see where it went. Think I read it went into the Reserve Account still can't see it?
Yes, the £15,000 went into the Reserve bank account and helped pay for the £18,380 that was taken out in 2021 to help with expenditure.*

The dates on some of the pages show the wrong year.

It was felt that the Charitable Giving Page needed some tweaking. A couple of sentences could be removed as circumstances have changed. She will undertake this and send to the secretary to email out to members.

Following a couple of minor the changes to the draft PCC accounts 2021

We owe a debt of gratitude to the treasurer and the finance team.

As our appointed Independent Examiner felt unable to take on this task this year another accountant needs to be found asap.

Pages1-7 of the APCM required the amendment of some typos but were then approved and signed.

There was an update of our Financial Position as of 28th February which had been circulated to members before the meeting. There were a couple of questions about the legacy payment of £4,205.05 to ensure a letter of thanks has been sent.

7. **Understanding our Finances** – An updated paper had been sent out before the meeting. Since last year two bank accounts have been closed.
8. **Charitable giving** – A third of the money has been given to FSW, a third to CMS and the other third was in the flexible pot. Members were given the opportunity to decide where the money in the flexible pot should go.

The Coalition for Marriage was suggested but on looking into this we discovered that it is not a Registered Charity. The whole church would need to be in agreement with giving money to this cause and it was felt we couldn't justify it at this point.

Christians Against Poverty was suggested; an email had been received from the local representative for CAP based at the Wickborne Centre asking if she could come and give a talk here.

It was also put forward to some form of help to Ukraine. Discussion followed on how and in what way.

It was said that giving money to the professionals would be the best way. NatWest bank, which the church uses, might be the place to go to. They have pledged to match donations from customers.

It was proposed that half of the flexible pot be given to CAP and the other half to Disasters Emergency Committee (the DEC) for helping Ukraine. All voted in favour.

The issue of Mission fundraising was raised and it was felt that the church should be fundraising and then supporting the Missions. There were people who championed the two Mission partnerships. A more strategic way of fundraising was required – maybe season themed. If events could be planned for the whole year then people would know not to book anything else and risk missing out on these events.

- 9. Chancel Reordering Plans** – the Chancel Group have met three times recently. A representative from Treske has visited and drawn up designs for bespoke furniture specific to our wants/needs. The plans/pictures were projected onto the stage wall (copies of these to be circulated in the next few days). Planned furniture – Altar, two lecterns (one lightweight and portable), 4 bench seats and readers for the choir to put their books, 2 single seats that can be slotted onto the benches if required, Clergy chairs, Paschal Candle holder, Acolyte candle holders and a Credence table. The arches of our church have been incorporated into the furniture and the logo of the church (crossed keys) will be used on one of the chairs. The priests' chairs will have changeable coloured cushions showing the season of the church i.e. green, white, purple and red. The money for this furniture will come from legacies – one was restricted for use of Chancel furniture. A Faculty must be applied for, which the Churchwardens will do once everything is approved.
- PCC members present agreed to the plans being displayed in the church.
- The Chancel Group were thanked for all the work they have carried out so far.

- 10. Family and Children's Worker** – Members had received a paper regarding this item. The work that was undertaken on this several years ago gave a good understanding of what was still needed. Funding for two days for three years was approved for FSW worker to work in the parish at that time and the PCC of the day decided to have a Curate and paid for the loss of rent out of the Phillipa Senst legacy.

The present running of groups – especially young people (Noah's Ark, Rocks, Messy Church and Bolders) is unsustainable without a leader to oversee the wonderful group of volunteers. After discussion it has been decided to start again with a clean sheet and write a job specification and job role for a part time worker. This will then be brought back to the PCC for approval.

- 11. Matters raised by the Vicar/Curate** – Nothing to report

- 12. Matters raised by the Churchwardens:** Quinquennial – CWs are meeting this week to sort out an order of work to be done.

- 13. Correspondence** – none received

- 14. Any other business** – members were informed that an accident had occurred recently in the churchyard. This resulted in a lady requiring an anaesthetic to stitch up the wound on her leg.

She had fallen over the low railings around a grave to the left of the path on the way towards the church from the hall. She has asked if the railings can be removed for safety in the future. An interim faculty has been granted for the temporary removal of the railings. The insurance company has been informed. Unfortunately, on attempting to remove the railings it has been discovered that metal struts connect the railings and run under the path. The path would have to be dug up to enable access to the struts. Unless it is agreed to permanently remove the railings then this is not feasible. This will be discussed with the DAC for advice. The lady concerned has not made a claim. The family who have connections with the grave have been informed and don't appear to have a problem with the removal of the railings if necessary.

15. Dates of future meetings: APCM 26th April, 17th May, 21st June, 19th July

The meeting ended with the Grace at 20.55hrs.

Signed:Chair Date: