

## Minutes from Council Meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at 7:30pm

### Blended on Zoom

#### Present

Lore Chumbley: Priest in Charge (Chair)  
Jude Bishop (Secretary)  
Jonathan Stead (Lay chair)  
Janet Mahto (Churchwarden)  
Jane Nicholson (Churchwarden)  
Georgina Bowman  
Zoe Bushell  
Rebekah Cunningham  
Mark Elliott  
Richard Gabe  
Brenda Wall (Deanery Synod rep)  
Pauline Swaby-Wallace  
Malcolm Wall  
  
Kara Maylor (Curate) – ex officio

The meeting opened with a welcome to Kara and an Advent Collect followed by a few minutes of silence for Sharon.

#### 1. Apologies

Virginia Knight

#### 2. Minutes of last meeting 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021

Before the minutes Lore suggested we might like to think about who we might like to co-opt onto Council in Sharon's place for the rest of the year. This will be for consideration at the January Council meeting.

The minutes circulated were accepted as an accurate record of the meeting. Proposed by Georgina and seconded by Kara Maylor.

#### 3. Matters Arising

##### i. **New computer**

*Mark reported that the computer with 2 monitors was working well and cost less than £1000. Two monitors help futureproof further development of the system. The laptop had been rebuilt and Richard now had this in his possession.*

##### ii. **Leadership Awayday**

*Lore has written this up in brief for inclusion in the Link but still has to write an expanded version for Council. One thing that came out was organising a rota for welcoming people. Jane Nicholson will coordinate this.*

##### iii. **COVID precautions**

*There has been no revised guidance as yet from the Church of England, but we are following government guidelines. Masks are now not optional for congregations but, although it is for choirs, Christ Church choir will still be singing in masks. Lore to reinforce the one-way system.*

##### iv. **Eco Church update**

*Rebekah - Declaration done and the group plan to meet in January to see how to take it forward. The Eco Church committee has been expanded to include two Trustees. Recycling bins are on the way. Council discussed getting the recycling collected by Bath recycling although it will cost as Christ Church is considered a business. Lore will look into what CC would be charged for collection. Rebekah suggested, and Council agreed that we should consider buying eco-friendly toilet paper*

*and cleaning products.*

*Morny Davison and Nick Ross had looked at the apse garden with a view to creating a wildflower meadow.*

#### **4. Trustees Approved minutes to note - attached**

These were noted

#### **5. West End reorganization – faculty application for review – attached paper**

The proposed Statement of Need had been circulated. Ignoring any grammatical errors, it was agreed that the pigeonholes be disposed of and replaced by filing trays, location of which to be agreed.

The pictures of the incumbents could be scanned. Mark offered to do this. A cost comparison needs to be done between 'off the peg' frames with mounts and commercial framing done by a picture framer. A couple of picture framers were suggested, Green Park Station or Walcot Street.

The noticeboard we are going to dispose of is in pine. It could be rehung in the vicar's vestry. The decision to get rid of it was made. The height of the noticed boards, 1m or 1.2m, still has to be determined as has the final finish of the grey board. Lore has samples of these.

Trustees need to see this and to be aware of the contents in general.

#### **6. Charitable Giving for 2022 – attached paper**

Rebekah's report had been circulated and offered 9 options for charities suitable for the monthly charitable giving throughout the year 2022. In addition to the USPG Malawi quarterly commitment, Genesis Trust and Julian House collection for December and a choice from the children, Council agreed on the following 6 charities:

1. Churches Housing Trust
2. Newbridge Foundation
3. Bath Welcomes refugees
4. Environmental charity – Woodlands Trust - secular
5. Water Aid UK
6. Open Doors

Lore suggested we ask Trustees to examine how we might as a church & charitable institution donate to charities as a body. We will leave it to Rebekah and her committee to arrange which month will be allocated for each charity.

#### **AOB**

##### **a. Financial update**

Richard offered a sample of the bank account income & expenditure spreadsheet, and some discussion ensued. A comment was made regarding high printing costs, and it was agreed that we should try and reduce these. The weekly bulletin and hymns & readings should be separated. Fewer bulletins will be printed as it was felt that families could share whereas all congregation members should have access to a hymns and readings sheet.

Richard and David Bishop had decided that physical bank accounts for Trustees and Council should be separate. This meant that all standing orders for monthly giving would need to be changed over to the new account. Council agreed to send out a letter to everyone asking them to complete a new standing order form using the new account details.

##### **b. Branded mugs for coffee**

Jude Bishop suggested Council might consider buying a set of branded mugs for coffee. The current stock, although plentiful, is very random in style and size and she thought it would be good to have a 'house style' using the Christ Church logo, for the future. Some discussion followed and Jude will get some prices ready for further discussion.

**Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – mixed media in the Mews

Meeting ended with the Grace at 21:10