

## **Minutes of the meeting of the PCC of Milborne Port held on Tuesday 17th May 2022 at 7.30 pm in Church House**

**Those present** – Chair: Nicki Edwards (NE), Elaine Ennis-Bunt (EE-B), Harold Clarke (HC), Pat Elliott (PE), June Goodman (JG), David Grant (DG), Jacquie Hall (JH), Robert Hall (RH), Trevor John (TJ), Amanda MacKintosh (AM), Linda Mumford (LM), Richard Redman (RR), Graham Sharpless (GS), Susan Wales (SW)

**Apologies** - Mary Clothier (MC), Anne Salkeld (AS)

Prior to the meeting, Rev. Frank Wright had taken a short service of Communion in St John's Church for members of the PCC able to attend.

PE opened the meeting with a prayer.

NE welcomed David Grant as a new member. He was formerly nominated by JH, and this was seconded by AM.

### **Approval of Minutes of Meeting held on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 –**

MC had noted that the 'Pop up' cake stall was going to be run by AS and MC, not NE and MC.

AM had commented that the financial statement had come through for Milborne Wick after the last meeting, and that RH had been furnished with a copy.

JH noted that it was *Jan* Rook, not *Jean*, who had suggested the Military Wives choir from Yeovilton could be approached to stage a fund raising concert

**Matters arising from minutes** – Broadband in church: TJ apprised the meeting with the progress to date regarding installation of a telephone line, broadband connection and various access points. He is hopeful that it will all be up and running soon. A good deal has been secured thanks to Ben Grundy. Despite enquiries being made, a new treasurer has yet to be found.

**Milborne Wick** – AM reported that the AGM was held on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April. There are a number of planned fund raising events in the pipeline, and there are plenty of volunteers willing to lend a hand. Numbers at the third Sunday service have increased, due to members of St John's swelling the numbers on a 'Matins' Sunday. There is a Wedding scheduled to be held at Wick, and RH confirmed that the associated fees will go to their PCC, which AM suggested can be used to offset some of the cost of their Parish Share. AM assured RH that GiftAid from the yellow envelopes has been efficiently dealt with.

AM left at 7.43pm

**Finance update** – RH distributed paper copies of the financial situation to date. The summary of the current accounts shows a balance of c. £70K; the deposit account shows a balance of c. £106K. Two quarters of the Parish Share have been paid. As a result of, and in the aftermath of the Pandemic, Church Giving and Fundraising remains below the 2019 total. Rental income from St John's Cottage is now being received, and this is now going towards paying the Vergers' salary. Several windfall receipts were itemised. There had been a good response from the congregation to the continued support for Ukraine. Following the Parish Picnic at Ven the previous Saturday, JH suggested, and it was unanimously agreed, that £250 be withheld, and be used as discretionary support for the Ukrainian families that had recently arrived in the village. The situation regarding the names of the Trustees on the Prankerds Charity is still outstanding, and it was felt that this should now be left until a new incumbent arrives. The transfer of Gas and Electricity contracts from E-On to Smartest Energy is almost complete, although RH does not know what the new rates will be.

**Fabric update** – JH advised that there was nothing to report.

**PCC membership: years of service/new members** – RH, TJ, AS, and GS are to be co-opted for another year – proposed by NE, seconded by LM; DG had been newly elected earlier; RR had been re-elected after the APCM; JH proposed, and this was seconded by DG, that SW should be re-elected for a further three years. Committees: All those present were happy to continue with the committee on which they were presently serving. DG elected to stand on Charity and Mission Committee.

**Vacancy** – The interview process for the new Priest-in-Charge will take place over Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> May. PCC members will not be part of the process. The Archdeacon, Lay Chair, Rural Dean and elected representatives will comprise the interview panel. NE assured the meeting that if the candidates were not deemed suitable for The Benefice, then the whole process would start again.

**Vicarage** – the completion of new Vicarage is due to take place on 1<sup>st</sup> June. The prospective candidates will be able to see photographs of the house, and will be driven by HC to view the outside.

**Safeguarding** – NE will chase anyone who is yet to complete the Safeguarding training. There were no further issues, although it was acknowledged that there might be potential issues arising from those families using Foodshare regularly. EE-B advised that Sherborne Foodbank is now supporting the Foodshare project.

**Health and Safety** - As agreed in the Worship meeting held the previous week, face coverings were no longer requested to be worn in church. A discussion followed regarding Holy Communion protocol and resuming sharing the common cup, and as no firm agreement was reached as to how to proceed, LM suggested, and this was agreed by everyone present that this was the best way forward, that any changes should be made after the new incumbent arrives.

**AOB** – LM advised the meeting of forthcoming Deanery dates: 26<sup>th</sup> May - Ascension service at Bruton, 7pm; 8<sup>th</sup> June - next Deanery Synod meeting (this will be an open meeting with the focus on presenting ideas about future ministry in the Diocese with the emphasis on our Deanery in particular – venue tbc); Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June – Archdeacon’s visitation to Cast Cary; 2<sup>nd</sup> July – a service of celebration of lay ministries - 2pm at Wells Cathedral. - JH has been investigating the options for a contactless payment machine to be used for church, and will continue to research the best option for our situation.

**Dates of next meetings** – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> November

PE concluded the business with the Evening Collect, and the meeting closed at 20:47.