

PARISH OF GREAT MISSENDEN WITH BALLINGER AND LITTLE HAMPDEN

Minutes of the PCC Meeting at the Oldham Hall On Tuesday 10th May 2022 at 7.30pm

Present

David Harris	DH (Chair)	John Jeapes	(JJ)
Rosemary Ladd	RL (Secretary)	Chris Nickless	(CN)
Helen Biggerstaff	(HB)	Sue O'Farrell	(SOF)
Graeme Petrie Brown	(GPB)	Guy Priestley	(GP)
Laurence Clark	(LC)	Stephen Tanno	(ST)
Jamie Gairdner	(JG)		
Wendy Harris	(WH)		

Present (non-voting)

Mike O'Farrell (MOF), Rev'd Alan Mustoe (AM)

Apologies

Philippa Howells, Anne Ellis, Christopher Figg, Martyn Green, Val Withams

Minutes

Apologies and recognition of the Chair

The Chair was recognised and apologies were noted

Confirmation that the meeting is quorate

The meeting was declared quorate there being 12 members present

Minutes of previous meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on Tuesday 29th March were approved and signed by the Chair.

Matters arising

There were no matters arising

Correspondence

There was no correspondence reported

Covid Risk Management

It was reported that the Church of England is encouraging congregations to return to pre-Covid distribution of Communion, including wine.

Alan Mustoe outlined the various options of taking wine but after discussion it was agreed that communion should be consecrated at the High Altar now rather than the nave altar, then distributed at the chancel steps but that the priest would take wine on behalf of the congregation and it would not be offered to the congregation. Alan Mustoe was thanked for his explanations.

SOF suggested that a hand rail might be installed one side of the chancel steps to assist people up and down the steps. SOF would follow this up.

Cream Teas - there was discussion as to the safest and most practical throughput visitors and it was agreed that we should revert to the pre-Covid procedure.

Key Roles

The roles of Churchwardens, Treasurer, Electoral Roll officer, Christian Aid rep and Lighthouse rep are still vacant. Some of the treasurer work has been outsourced, but LC reported that not all the work would be undertaken by this person and someone is still needed to undertake some aspects of the treasurer's job.

It was suggested that job descriptions should be circulated to maybe encourage people to come forward.

MOF agreed to take on the Electoral Roll officer.

Arrangements for the Installation of the new Vicar

DH read out a note from Val Withams which outlined the procedure for arranging the installation on Tuesday July 19th. The arrangements would be followed by the appropriate people.

It was agreed that the Rev'd Gill Lovell should be invited to come and speak to the PCC (and maybe the general congregation) on Duty of Care of Clergy. RL to liaise with Gill Lovell.

Safeguarding

MOF reported that procedure for Safeguarding Training was in hand. Training should be undertaken by the PCC members and any others who had contact with

young, elderly and vulnerable. It was suggested that in person training sessions should be arranged and open to anyone in the congregation who would like to be involved.

Platinum Festival arrangements

There was to be a celebration event on the Bury Field with stalls and stands but it was felt that beyond being there as a presence there was nothing in the way of a stall that the Church could usefully provide.

The congregation had been invited to Wendover Church for a Songs of Praise on the evening of 5th June. Cream Teas at St P & P should go ahead as usual.

Outreach and Events

SOF outlined upcoming events - a children's event on 11th June, Come and Sing with Bob Chilcott on 24th July, a cello concert on 3rd September, a Science Festival on w/e of 14th/16th Oct and Christmas Tree Festival on weekend of 3rd/4th December.

Mission

It was agreed that the Church should show support for the work of Ballinger and the the hilltop villages in their welcoming of Ukrainian refugees.

Fabric

Reported that the Walled Garden has now been appointed to mow the churchyard and that the present contractor has been informed of the change. It was agreed that safeguarding arrangements should be obtained in writing from the Walled Garden to ensure all was in order.

High tower lights had been replaced.

The second tranche of stonework on the tower was due to start on 6th June and continue for 4 weeks and this would require scaffolding.

Rainwater work would be carried out from 7th-10th June.

No advance on War Grave signs.

Reported that as far as energy use was concerned no change could be considered at the moment.

Oldham Hall

Reported that the hedges had been cut, there was a leak in the Bromley room roof, hiring rates had been increased.

The installation of Wi-Fi should be investigated.

ACTION WH

A Church knitting group had been suggested - there would be no charge for this using the hall and the PCC were happy for this to take place.

Finance

Martyn Green had circulated accounts for the year.

LC reported that unless more income could be generated the Church would run out of money by the middle of next year.

The Parish Share should be discussed with the Rev'd Sally Moring (Area Dean).

PCC meeting dates

Two dates were suggested - 26th July and 2nd August but this would depend on the agreement of the new Vicar.

AOB

Lent giving - after much discussion it was agreed that this in support of Road Farm should continue for a few more weeks as a fairly poor amount had been raised so far. MOF would set up a Justgiving page on the internet for this purpose too.

CN reported an Open Day at the Chiltern Academy on 26th May which he encouraged people to attend.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting with the Grace at 9.25pm

