

PCC of AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE

Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on Wednesday

10 October 2018 at 7PM at River Cottage, Affpuddle

Present: Rev Canon Charles Masheder (Chair), Mr Sanderson (Churchwarden), Mrs Whatley (Churchwarden), Mr Buck (Treasurer), Mrs Moriarty (LPA), Mrs Grindrod, Lady Coates, Mrs Wood, Mr Parker, Mr Mullins and Mrs Hogger (Secretary).

Apologies: Mr Haigh and Mr Killer.

1. Opening Prayer.

2. Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday 25 July 2018. These were approved unanimously. All PCC members gave their consent for the Minutes to be sent to the Parish website. Action: Mrs Hogger to send the Minutes to the Parish website.

Matters Arising: There had been a meeting with many members of the PCC with the Revd. Carol Langford (Vicar of Wool) on 23 August 2018.

3. Treasurer's Report. Mr Buck reported as follows:-

Current A/C: £1,849 (Receipts from a recent funeral have been paid in).

Deposit A/C: £11,574

Fabric Fund: £19,397

Income includes the Parish Council grant of £250.

Mr Moriarty raised £ 275 doing the 'Ride and Stride' for the Dorset Historic Churches Trust.

£510 was paid to Edwards & Keeping for auditing the accounts.

The PCC are paying out £128 per month for the portaloo.

The Parish's Share for 2019 will be £19,253. Up by £1,000 – a 5% increase.

The Vicar said that our Share in the past few years had been as follows:-

2016 - £15,689

2017 - £17,356

2018 - £18,253

2019 - £19,253

He will mention the concerns at the level of increase to the Deanery Synod. Affpuddle has paid in full for the past three years.

£10,000 has already been paid towards the 2018 Share. Mr Buck will add the Gift Aid transfer. Members need to think about an Accountant to examine (not audit our accounts). Mr Sanderson has spoken to Mr Smith (Treasurer, Bere Regis PCC) and Mrs Grindrod will speak to a resident of Briantspuddle who undertakes similar work for other organisations.

4. Deanery Synod Report. There will be a licencing service for Rev. Mercer (Langton Matravers) on Monday 15 October. The next Deanery Synod meeting will be on 7 November 2018.

5. Vicar's Update. Future of the Benefice. This is turning out to be longer process than at first thought but should be finished in January 2019. The Vicar appreciates all the support he has received. His departure will probably coincide with Rev. Langford taking on leadership of the Benefice. An update of the Parish profile needs to be done. The joint expectancy part of which is very important. During the vacancy there will be one service in each church each Sunday. Rev. Aladina and Rev. Young will help.

6. Safeguarding. One member of the PCC still needs to do the course.

7. Church Fabric and Churchyard.

(a) Report from quinquennial review of the church. Mr Sanderson said that the report had been received and that the church was stated to be in good condition. There was a bit of concern about damp. A list of priorities has been produced. Mr Sanderson will have a meeting with Mr Griffin, the builder.

The recent leak has got no worse. Mr Sanderson said that it was probably caused by a build- up of moss, leaves etc followed by heavy rain on the roof causing the guttering to overflow. There will be an electrical inspection on Friday 12 October and the Gas Safety Certificate will be undertaken next week.

(b) Lavatory update. Daniel Cantrell (Diocesan Architect) said that we need a robust structure. If we go ahead with the plan to put the lavatory near the 'potting shed', we will need to put a path across from the church. Mr Sanderson has spoken to one of the owners of the 'Old Vicarage' who is agreeable to this idea.. The plan, with wheelchair access, will come shortly.

(c) The portaloo has been on site for 2 months and has been used. There have been some objections but the Assistant Conservation Officer has been supportive. The portaloo costs £128 per month. We will not be having it for January/February/March 2019. We will have it back for Easter. Mrs Moriarty suggested that we charge £50 per funeral and £100 per wedding, which was agreed by members.

(d) The path into the church from the road, is disappearing and needs to be widened. Mrs Guinn has worked hard edging the path to the Peace Garden. (Mrs Hogger to send a letter of thanks). A Churchyard Tidy Up has been arranged for Saturday 17 November (10 – 12noon) with the fall back date of Saturday 24 November 2018. There is also a problem with ivy on the Church. Mrs Moriarty will speak to Ivor Bryant about this.

(e) Mr Sanderson said that £250 had been received from the Parish Council for the purchase of a new chalice. Mrs Jones (Chairperson of the Parish Council) is happy for us to find the right one. The PCC agreed to go along with whatever the Churchwardens find.

8. Health and Safety.

Mr Sanderson reported that there was a loose wire in the kitchen which will be looked into.

9. Events/Fundraising.

(a) Church Fete – Saturday 11 August 2018. The Vicar said that this had been a lovely occasion. £1,229 had been raised towards Church funds. The weather had not been helpful! Thanks were expressed to Mrs Badcock for yet again providing such a beautiful venue. Mr Sanderson to speak to her re Fete 2019!

(b) Ride and Stride – Saturday 8 September 2018. Many thanks to Mr Moriarty for his efforts.

(c) Harvest Lunch – Sunday 14 October 2018. Mrs Moriarty and her team have this in hand!

(d) Gift Day – Saturday 3 November 2018. Mrs Hogger will send out a rota and distribute the Vicar's Gift Day letter.

(e) Remembrance Sunday – 11 November 2018. There will be a commemoration at the Peace Garden at 9am followed by a 9.15am Parish Eucharist in Church. At 11 o'clock there will be a short service at the War Memorial in Bladen Valley led by Mr Haigh. Mr Sanderson will contact Mr de Burgh to ensure that he is available with his bagpipes.

(f) Carol Service. This will now be held on Wednesday 19 December 2018 at 6pm. Mr Haigh has been in touch with the Briantspuddle Singers. Please note the revised date!

10. AOB.

(a) Purbeck Village Quire fundraiser in the Church on 28 September 2019. All the proceeds from this event will go to Church funds.

(b) Flower Festival 2019. This event will be held on Friday 31 May, Saturday 1 June and Sunday 2 June 2019 to coincide with Briantspuddle Village Hall's Open Gardens event on Sunday 2 June 2019. Mrs Smith has offered to help with the organisation.

(c) Mrs Grindrod commented that the heaters in Church had got very noisy. This will be looked into.

(d) Mr Buck is offering wallflower plants for sale. Proceeds to Church funds.

(e) Mr Sanderson said that we must look to the future and think about the appointment of new Churchwardens as he and Mrs Whatley planned to serve only for another 18 months. This could be someone who is not currently on the PCC. The Vicar said there is the option of appointing Deputy Churchwardens.

(f) Advent Course 2018. This will start on Monday 26 November at Mrs Grindrod's home and will last for 4 weeks. The topic will be 2 Christmas carols per meeting.

11. Date/time/venue of next meeting. Wednesday 16 January 2019 at 7pm at Mrs Grindrod's home.

12. Closing Prayer.