



## Affpuddle with Turnerspudde PCC Zoom meeting held on 20 January 2021

**Attending:** Rev. S Williams, Associate Priest, Mr M Menzies, Churchwarden, Mrs E Whatley, Churchwarden, Mr J Haigh, Lay Minister, Mrs F Hogger, Secretary, Mr D Buck, Treasurer, Mrs G Grindrod, Mrs S Wood, Lady C Coates, Mr C Parker, Mrs D Hepburn

**Apologies:** Mrs E Moriarty, Mr R Killer, Dr R Hall

Item	Discussion/Action	Whom
1 1a	<p><b>Opening prayer and welcome by Rev. Williams.</b></p> <p><b>Appointment of Chair, Vice Chair and ensure all other officers are content to continue in their current roles:</b></p> <p>Chair: Rev. S Williams            Vice Chair: Mrs E Whatley            Safeguarding Officer: Mrs P Haigh            All other officers happy to continue to serve as per APCM 18.10.20.</p>	
2	<p><b>Matters arising from the minutes of the meeting on 17.06.20:</b></p> <p>Item 5: The planned increase in the Benefice took place on 01.11.20 with the Lulworth parishes becoming part of West Purbeck Benefice.            Members agreed the minutes as an accurate account of the meeting held on 17.06.20.</p>	
3	<p><b>Treasurer's Report:</b> Circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <p>This showed that due to the inability of holding any events at the church, and fund raising had fallen from £2,506.40 to £237.80. Donations had risen from £4,061.50 to £14,252.79 but this amount included a grant for £8,275 from the Erskine Muton Fund towards the cost of work needed on the church which would cost over £15,000.</p> <p>As result, it had not been possible to meet our full Share in 2020 and there was a shortfall of £5089.00. Unless the parish is able to increase regular giving through the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS) and some fund raising events, it is unlikely we will be able to pay the full Share this year.</p> <p>The Treasurer had been unable to claim back Gift Aid for the year 2019 and 2020 but will do so this year and this should raise around £2,000.</p> <p>It was agreed that those who were able to afford it should be encouraged to increase their regular donations. It was also agreed that Mrs Whatley would write a letter to all parishioners and this, together with a PGS leaflet should go to each house. Mrs Hepburn pointed out that although she had been a member of the PCC for a year now, she had not previously heard anything about the PGS scheme! PGS (Parish Giving Scheme) have now set up a telephone line so that new givers can register over the phone, which takes about 15 minutes. The Treasurer can provide more details.</p> <p>Rev. Williams said she would be attending a zoom training session on Stewardship Campaigns which the Diocese hoped to run later in the year.</p> <p>She also mentioned that Winfrith church had a QR code which raised funds when used. The Treasurer will look into this.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EW/All</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DB</p>

	The Council was pleased to see the donation from the Historic Churches fund following the Ride and Stride event last September. <i>Let's make an even bigger effort this year!</i>	DB
4	<p><b>Church Fabric &amp; Churchyard:</b>  <u>Quinquennial Inspection:</u> All the urgent matter listed in the inspection had been dealt with. The matters outstanding are in relation to the tower and windows. Two quotes were obtained for over £15,000. Griffins who had previously done much of the work on the church, and whose quote was slightly cheaper, have been awarded the contract. It was agreed, at the last PCC meeting on 17.06.20, that nothing over the winter was urgent so a moratorium on work was agreed by members until funding was clearer. The PCC has now received a grant of £8,275 towards this work from the Erskine Muton Fund. The PCC will have to fund the shortfall.</p> <p>Once the weather improves, the Churchwardens will progress this matter.</p> <p><u>Churchyard:</u> Mr Parker has removed the willow fencing around the gas tank as it was rotten and disintegrating. Mr Guinn has suggested replacing the fencing with yew as he would be happy to cut this when he cuts the remained of his yew hedge. This would be a longer lasting solution although it will take time to grow. Would member like to comment please?</p> <p>No other work in the churchyard has taken place but the mowing rota will start again once the weather permits.</p> <p>The Parish Council kindly gave a grant of £220 towards the servicing of the mowers and the purchase of 2 rakes. Mr Parker will ensure mowers are serviced and rakes bought</p>	<p>EW/SS</p> <p>EW/MM</p> <p>CP</p> <p>MM</p> <p>CP</p>
5	<p><b>Benefice Matters:</b></p> <p>a) The West Purbeck Benefice Wedding fees schedule was circulated before the meeting. All agreed it was reasonable. Consideration needs to be given as to what charge, if any is made to couples who want a wedding blessing. This may vary from couple to couple or may be in the form of a donation rather than a charge. This matter is also being considered by the Diocese.</p> <p>b) Proposal for Communal Whole Benefice Finance Management:  This proposal was circulated prior to the meeting. It is suggested that for all expenses which are shared by the whole Benefice, a separate section should be set up so that things like Zoom fees, printing, office expenses etc. can be shared and paid by all. The same percentage of costs would go to each parish in the Benefice as the percentage of the Benefice Share, they pay. This would mean Affpuddle with Turnerspuddle would pay 16% suggested this year as £980 or £82 per month.</p> <p>All agreed that this was an acceptable way forward. The Treasurer would ascertain the system for paying this. Wool have kindly offered to continue to hold a separate area of their accounts for this and will manage income and expenditure.</p>	<p>SW/All</p> <p>DB</p>
6	<b>Safeguarding:</b> No matters outstanding	
7	<p><b>Health &amp; Safety:</b>  Bearing in mind the increased transmissibility of the current Covid 19 mutant, the Churchwardens in consultation with Rev. Williams, have decided that it is not safe to hold a service in St Laurence's in January. EW has emailed all parishioners who have attended over the past few years and also put this information on the Village website.</p> <p>Many said they would not attend during lockdown.  MM/EW/SW will consider the situation in February.</p>	<p>EW/MM</p> <p>MM/EW</p>

	The church is still open for private prayer on Wednesdays and Sundays between 10 and 4.00. Visitors (if there are any) as asked to write their names down just so that they are traceable if necessary. The church also has a track and trace QR code in the porch and inside.	
8	<b>GDPR (General Data Protection Regulations):</b> Those who want to receive updates re services and pew sheet have given their consent for emails/contact. Rev. Williams suggested including info on this when the letters go out re PGS.	
9	<b>Events/Fundraising:</b> Nothing can currently take place, but it is hoped that perhaps by the autumn some form of event might be possible. a) Lent Course: A digital Alpha Course will be held in the Benefice and more details will be made available soon. b) Easter: Not yet able to say whether it will be possible to hold services within church.	
10	<b>AOB:</b> a) A Standing Committee was appointed consisting of : Rev. Williams, Mr Menzies, Mrs Whatley, Mr Buck and Mrs Wood. b) Mr Menzies was congratulated on completion of the Lay Worship Leaders course and was approved to work as a Lay Worship Leader within the parish.	
11	<b>Date/time of next meeting:</b> 17 March 2021, 11.00am, Zoom meeting	
	<b>Closing prayer.</b>	