

AFFPUDDLE with TURNERSPUDDLE PCC

Minutes of the meeting held on Friday

14 January 2022 at 4PM in St Laurence's Church, Affpuddle

Present: Rev. S Williams, Associate Priest(Chair), Mr M Menzies, Churchwarden, Mrs E Whatley, Churchwarden, Mr D Buck, Treasurer, Mrs F Hogger, Secretary, Mrs A Grindrod, Mrs E Moriarty, Mr R Killer, Mr C Parker.

Apologies: Mrs S Wood, Lady C Coates, Dr R Hall, Mrs D Hepburn

1. Welcome and opening prayer by Rev. S Williams.
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 10 September 2021. These were approved unanimously and signed. Matters arising. Mrs Moriarty said that she takes the Food Bank box to Stoborough. She also mentioned that the painting of St Laurence's church was given by Mr Bond and not painted by him. It has now been given to Mr and Mrs J Haigh as part of their farewell present. An email of thanks from Mr and Mrs Haigh has been received for this and the garden voucher they were presented with.

The final profit from the Jazz Concert in the Peace Garden on 15 August 2021 was £786. Takings were £942 but the hire of the toilet was £156.

3. (a) Treasurer's Report. Mr Buck had sent a Provisional Balance Sheet for 2021 to all PCC members. Mr Buck said the PCC had broken even. However, PCC are still about £2,000 short of paying the Share for 2021 which is £19,221. The organist has kindly made no charge for his services in 2021; payments to Dr Hall will start again in 2022.

The current financial situation is as follows:-

Deposit A/C: £8,330.30

Fabric Fund: £16,842

Current A/C: £2,450.40

Christmas Tree recycling by Mr Menzies - £65 has been donated.

Mrs Grindrod mentioned the generosity of people towards our fundraising events.

- (b) Parish Fairer Share Consultation Document 2022. Mr Buck has kindly agreed to submit this to the Diocese on behalf of our PCC. As to membership – Mr Buck suggested that we go along with the average of annual attendance. Mr Buck went through the questions on the form to obtain the PCC's responses. And will submit these on the consultation response form.

4. Deanery Synod Report. The last Deanery Synod meeting was held on 13 October 2021. A report by Mr Killer on this meeting was circulated to all PCC members in November 2021. A copy of this report has been attached to the file copy of these Minutes.

5. Church Fabric and Churchyard.

(a) Update on the Quinquennial Inspection. Mr Menzies reported that he considered taking out weed roots from the delicate tower masonry would not be sensible and that the first step should be to kill the weeds. This would best be done applying weedkiller locally to the foliage. He would do this using rope technique and the DAC had been asked for their opinion. Mr Menzies had received a reply saying that they had no objection to using the rope technique and that the principle of killing weeds this way would be put forward to the appropriate expert. No further reply has yet been received. Therefore, because we have missed the growing season, the work has been re-scheduled for next spring. This item affects the grants we have received/been promised. The Quinquennial survey also reported a need to re-putty various windows. This has been added to the jobs list.

Lavatory – Mrs Whatley will write to Dorset Planning Dept. about the installation of a lavatory in the churchyard, not having been able to contact them over the telephone.

Paths – Mr Menzies would like to replace them with pebbles but this would need a faculty and would be very expensive.

Altar Frontal – Many thanks to Mr and Mrs Killer and their niece, Cara Killer, for the magnificent new purple altar frontal.

Wall on the west side of the Churchyard. This is leaning towards Mr Guinn's field. There is a big height difference. Mr Menzies will dig an exploratory hole on the east side of the wall. Mrs Moriarty suggested putting soil on the other side. This would require consultation with the landowner.

Churchyard Tidy-up – Saturday 26 March.

(b) Burials/Graves. Concern had been expressed about a new gravestone which had been erected in the churchyard as initially, it appeared to be much darker than is permitted. Rev Sandra said that all requests for burials are looked at individually and these and the subsequent gravestones, follow Diocesan and Affpuddle Churchyard Regulations. Mrs Whatley confirmed that she and Rev. Williams had met with the stone mason and that the new headstone complies with the regulations with regard to size and the type of stone. It had been observed to gradually lighten as it became drier and weathered.

Rev Sandra said that she would continue to ensure that all the regulations are followed.

6. Benefice Matters. Rev Sandra reported as follows:-

Sunday 30 January 2022 – Benefice Eucharist at 10.30AM at Bere Regis

Wednesday 2 February 2022 – Licensing Service for Revd David Chillman as Associate and House of Duty Priest in the Parish of Lulworth, at 7pm in Holy Trinity Church, West Lulworth.

Thursday 24 February 2022 – Benefice Treasurers Meeting.

7. Safeguarding. Mrs Whatley has taken on the role of Safeguarding Officer following Mrs Haigh's move away from the area.

8. Health and Safety. Nothing to report.

9. GDPR. Nothing to report.

10. Events/Fundraising.

(a) Carol Service – Wednesday 15 December 2021 at 6.30PM. Very successful and much enjoyed.

(b) Lent Course – To be decided.

(c) Ash Wednesday – Wednesday 2 March 2022. Benefice Service at 10.30AM at D'Urberville, Wool.

(d) APCM – Sunday 8 May 2022 at 5PM after a shortened Evensong.

(e) Fete/Cream Tea – date yet to be decided.

11. AOB.

(a) Donations Box. Mr Menzies has replaced the donations mini safe in the porch.

(b) BCP. The service at 9AM on Sunday 27 February 2022 will follow the BCP order of service.

12. Date/time/venue of next meeting.

Friday 25 March at 2PM at Bladentye, Briantspuddle.

13. Closing Prayer.