

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF ST JOHN'S PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL
21 JUNE 2023**

Present: Revd. Alastair Wood (*Chair*), Brenda Bridges, Mike Bridges, Denise Collison, Brian Marson, Chessie Mills-Smith, Daniel Mills-Smith, Dawn Sawyer, Chris Solman, Heather Thompson, Tony Thorne, Wendy Thorne

Apologies: None

1.	<u>Approval of Minutes of Meetings held on 29th March 2023 and 17th May 2023</u> Some changes and additions have been made for accuracy and compliance reasons.	Action
2.	<u>Matters arising from both sets of Minutes</u>	
3.	<u>Correspondence</u>	
4.	<u>Church Wardens' Report</u> This was approved.	
4a.	<u>Vicar's Report</u> Plans for implementing projects to address community healing were discussed. It was suggested that creative approaches to PCC and church roles were taken, especially around promotion of the church within the community through various activities. Promotion through social media was also discussed.	
5.	<u>Treasurer's Report</u> The new Treasurer's access to banking information and voting rights on the PCC were discussed, and an official ruling is being awaited with regard to the latter. Several fundraising strategies were proposed, including concerts, the continuation of community events like Gift Day, as well as potentially engaging local producers and community groups. The repair of the church roof was authorised, and a contractor will be instructed.	
6.	<u>Safeguarding Report</u>	

	<p>The Safeguarding policy will be uploaded to the website.</p> <p>There were some concerns noted around PCC members accessing the online domestic abuse training, and a solution is being found.</p>	
7.	<p><u>Fabric Report</u></p> <p>There has been a delay in the alarm company visit, but future works are planned.</p> <p>It was agreed that there is no immediate need to add to the current sound system in church or to introduce the live-streaming of services.</p> <p>A Faculty application is being prepared for the pews at the back of Church.</p> <p>There are ongoing discussions around how the sycamore trees in the churchyard can be dealt with, as these overlook a neighbouring garden and are causing some issues.</p>	
8.	<p><u>Parish Centre Report</u></p> <p>It was decided that a SmartMeter is not current necessary for the Parish Centre.</p> <p>The Guides' Shed is now complete.</p> <p>More enquiries are being received in terms of using the Hall. Keeping the Hall maintained and managing all the new bookings could be a way of increasing income for the Church. A strategy will be developed around this.</p>	
9.	<p><u>Forthcoming Events</u></p> <p>Another tea party is scheduled to take place soon.</p>	
10.	<p><u>Confidential Items</u></p>	
11.	<p><u>General Church Email Distribution List - Usage and Protocol</u></p> <p>The usage and protocol for the general church email distribution list were debated, with a decision to make it a receipt-only list without the right to reply.</p>	
12.	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>It is suggested that a new laptop is sourced for the Parish Administrator. Research will be done into managing this in a cost-effective way.</p>	
13.	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Thursday September 7th, 19.30.</p>	