

# Parish of Mortlake with East Sheen

## Minutes of PCC Committees

COMMITTEE NAME:	DATE OF MEETING:
PCC	28 September 2022

### Present:

The Revd Canon Ann Nickson, the Revd Alex Barrow, Revd Jonathan Haynes, Revd Matthew Watts, Celia Catchpole, Brenda Morris, David Bradshaw, Sarah Coggins, Robert Davenport, Greg Kyle, Christine McGuinness, Deirdre Munro, Nicholas Rettie, Cathy Sheldon, Ginny Waterkeyn, Kate Woodhouse, Jan Wright, Dilys Zeegen

### HEADLINES

Agenda number	Headlines/ decisions action points	Action
3	Discussions around how things go forward with the Annual Christmas Lunch	KW
5	Parish Support Fund in the amount of £290,000 unanimously approved by PCC	
5	The PCC approved the Scouts' plan to replace their existing garage according to the drawings received proposed by CC, seconded by KW and approved unanimously. .	
12	PCC approval for a faculty to add a more permanent hardcore of roughly 6'x6' under the Lamplugh Window away from the church for the flower team to set up displays during festivals as an outreach to the wider community. Proposed by JW, seconded by RD and approved unanimously.	

### DETAILED MINUTES

No	Item.		
1	<b>Welcome to members of the PCC and approval of the minutes</b> AN Welcomed Revd Jonathan Haynes, the new team vicar at Christ Church. The minutes for the Meeting 29 <sup>th</sup> June 2022 were proposed by DM, seconded by BM and approved unanimously subject to a small amendment raised by JW.		
2	<b>Apologies for absence</b> Apologies were received from Sylvie Collins-Mayo, Helen Judith Robinson, Mireille Stanton, Mike Stewart, Jon Blythe		
3	<b>Two Minute Items</b> KW reported the way the annual Christmas Lunch is to be held is being reviewed.		
4	<b>Matters Arising</b> Nothing to Note		
5	<p><b>Treasurers Report</b> AN read from JB's report in his absence.</p> <p><b>General picture</b></p> <p>The Budget for 2022 shows a deficit on the General Account amounting to £17,000. With the energy crisis (see below) the actual outcome is likely to be a deficit of £20,000+.</p> <p>We can never be sure about the Planned Giving but it has held up very well to date and we are about to embark on the Annual Renewal Campaign (please look out for this and encourage all to respond promptly – it really helps the reps!) and see below.</p> <p>The new tenants in 17 Sheen Gate Gardens have paid rental for the full year to July 2023 (net of charges = £40,000). Of this £23,333 will be recognised in 2023.</p> <p>So there is some good news but:</p> <p><b>Energy bills</b></p> <p>Our big talking point is the energy bills. You will have heard of the Government capping but we don't expect to benefit – even though it does apply to Churches and Halls. This is because we fixed for 24 months back in early 2022. We fixed at a price that had already roughly doubled compared to 2021, but the level we fixed at is likely to work out to be a bit below the level to which the Government will subsidise.</p> <p>As background, the price for electricity per Kilowatt Hour (from our supplier Octopus) is as follows (there are also standard daily charges but relatively low compared to the usage charges):</p> <table> <tr> <td>January 2021</td><td>14p perKWH</td></tr> </table>	January 2021	14p perKWH
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	<p>Our fix to early 2024                      26p perKWH  Current flexi                                      54p perKWH  Current fix offered                              67p perKWH</p> <p>The price of gas shows a similar pattern (Octopus supply us with both gas and electricity).</p> <p>So, you can see that the fix was well timed (I spoke to a friend who runs a green energy supplier of gas and electricity for his view on our position - he agreed that we are on a really good deal at least for the time being).</p> <p>Nonetheless our energy costs will significantly increase compared to 2021 because the price (cap or no cap) is higher and because the churches were not fully open in 2021.</p> <p>Thus, it would be helpful for each church to examine its use of energy - trimming timings and temperatures can only help. Something we may have to get used to!</p> <p>There is an ongoing exercise looking into the possibility of installing smart meters (not as easy as it sounds!). Even though there is a clear need for us to make savings wherever possible, it is still important for the churches to know what costs are being incurred for what purpose. Cheri is in touch with the suppliers on this.</p> <p>Looking on the bright side the current crisis should be good for our planet!</p> <p>F&amp;P recommend a pledge of £290,000 to the Parish Support Fund and ask the PCC for approval, proposed by AN seconded by CC and approved unanimously.</p> <p>CC reported from the F&amp;P on the Scouts Hall; when their new lease is in place, the Scouts want to replace the old garage on the site to allow for a bit more space and a separate area for the community gardeners' tools. There will be no cost to The Wigan Trust. The members of F &amp; P and the community gardeners have all approved the plans but the Scouts need the approval of the PCC.</p> <p>The PCC approved the Scouts' plan to replace their existing garage according to the drawings received proposed by CC, seconded by KW and approved unanimously.</p>
6	<p><b>Wider Church</b> AB reported the Deanery welcomed Eils Osgood at Holy Trinity Richmond and Jonathan Haynes to Christ Church East Sheen. Bishop Richard's farewell will take place soon, email his PA Margaret Humphrey's if you would like to attend. The next Deanery Synod meeting will be by Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 7.10pm for refreshments with a 7.30pm start at St Mary's in Mortlake.</p>
7	<p><b>Rectors Report</b> AN welcomed JH and stated how nice it was to have a full team again. Following the well-attended dark days of winter parish fun events in the past all thoughts or ideas for events to take place January or February 2023 are welcome. Lent begins 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2023 any ideas or recommendations for the Lent course are also welcome.</p>
11	<p><b>Health and Safety</b> Nothing to Note</p>
12	<p><b>Church Reports</b></p> <p><u>All Saints</u> JW reported a requiem mass was held for HM Queen Elizabeth's passing, the event was well attended and marked with a candle, flowers and remembrance book. Harvest Festival was well attended with items collected going to Richmond Food Bank, who were very grateful. A display has been erected to raise awareness for Ukrainian Refugees. Sylvie Collins-Mayo's first Eucharist was well attended, and Sylvie was very grateful for all attending. There is a new service once a month at 4pm and a Pet Service to take place the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in November. The insurance has covered the cost to replace the broken sheds and they are now in place. JW requested PCC approval for a faculty to add a more permanent hardcore of roughly 6'x6' under the Lamplugh Window away from the church for the flower team to set up displays during festivals as an outreach to the wider community. Proposed by JW, seconded by RD and approved unanimously.</p> <p><u>Christ Church</u> DM reported Bethy's last Choral Evensong was well attended and wished her well. Tom Coxhead the new Music Director will start on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023. Christ Church had their Harvest Service on 18<sup>th</sup> September, items collected will go to Christ Church Brixton.</p> <p><u>St Mary's</u> GK thanked all that attended a very nice service on St Mary's day. A meeting with a new architect has been set to inspect inside the church, kitchen and dividing doors.</p>

	The police have held a community meeting at St Mary's to discuss the recent antisocial behaviour the event was well attended with the Chief Inspector, Local MP and local councilors. Quiz night is coming up on 15 <sup>th</sup> October, all welcome to join.	
11	<b>Parish Wardens Report</b> BM reported there have been a few minor repairs to 17 Sheen Gate Gardens since the tenants moved in. There was a damp patch on the kitchen ceiling which appeared to come from the bathroom above. The quotation for investigating the leak and repair was approved at a previous F&P meeting. This has involved replacing some tiles, approval for which will be put to the next F&P. There has been further water ingress to 86 East Sheen Avenue due to a valley gutter. The gutter was replaced last year but valley gutters are notorious for blockages as a result the roofer is suggesting a biannual roof inspection and gutter clearance at a cost of £480. I also sit on the Planned Giving Committee and we are all set to go on Sunday, 9th October. .CC reported on The Old Sea Scouts Hall; We will have to order a new door for the hall because the old wooden door has warped and the nursery and dance school have had difficulty in getting in despite the repairs made. PA has had a quote of £900 and is getting others. The Mortlake School of Dance have agreed that their hourly rental rate should rise from £12-£13 per hour from the start of their new lease in January to cover the increased cost of heating. CC reported on the Guides' and Scouts' Leases; we are still waiting for approval from the Diocese for the new rent agreed with the Guides of £700 per year but we believe that progress has been made and are cautiously hopeful that we will be able to go ahead with both new leases very soon.	
5	The meeting ended with the Grace at 8.36pm	
	<b>Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 29th November 2022 8pm at All Saints Hall</b>	