

Parish of Mortlake with East Sheen

Minutes of PCC Committees

COMMITTEE NAME:	DATE OF MEETING:
PCC	3 October 2023

Present:

The Revd Canon Ann Nickson, the Revd Jonathan Haynes, Jonathan Blythe, Celia Catchpole, Brenda Morris, David Bradshaw, Sarah Coggins, Robert Davenport, Neil Davis, Sheila Hamilton, Anita Larsen, Christine McGuinness, Deirdre Munro, Francis Ring-Davies, Helen Judith Robinson, Cathy Sheldon, Mireille Stanton, Jan Wright, Kate Woodhouse,

HEADLINES

Agenda number	Headlines/ decisions action points	Action
3	All Saint approval of Matthew Salisbury as Sides Person.	
5	Volunteers wanted for Financial Think Tank	
6	Plans for Mortlake Hall Agreed by PCC	
11	Faculty Approval for Root Tru Grip under Lamplugh Window	

DETAILED MINUTES

No	Item.	
1	Welcome to members of the PCC and approval of the minutes AN Welcomed the members of the PCC the meeting started with prayer. The minutes for the Meeting 27 th June 2023 were proposed with changes to the treasurer's report and a spelling correction to Francis Ring-Davies name by KW, seconded by SC and approved unanimously.	
2	Apologies for absence Apologies were received from the Revd Alex Barrow, Revd Sylvie Collins-Mayo, Revd Matthew Watts, Robert Cowham, Adrienne Jack, Nicholas Rettie, Judith Russenberger, Mike Stewart, Ginny Waterkeyn, John Wright, Dilys Zeegan	
3	Two Minute Items JW Approval of Matthew Salisbury as Sides Person at AS.	
4	Matters Arising Nothing to Note	
5	Treasurers Report JB reported the general account is at a deficit of £25,000 for the fourth year. Finance and Property are putting together a think tank for alternative strategies. Please contact AN or JB if you or someone you know can contribute expertise or ideas to the group. The Parish Support Fund for 2023 in the amount of £290,000 with an increase to £291,000 for 2024 was proposed by CC, seconded by CM and agreed with one abstention. BM and JB reviewed the GoodBox monthly income from 1 January 2023 through 31 July 2023 and each church has an average of £800 income from the GoodBoxes. AN thanked JB for all of his hard work with the parish accounts.	
6	Plans for Mortlake Hall AN reported on a proposed change of terms of the trust to Mortlake Hall. The object of the charity is 'the promotion of education of children and young people under the age of 25 in the area of benefit in accordance with the principles of the Church of England'. The change in local demographics means this is no longer viable while MCA has grown and needs a space. The MCA Trustees of Mortlake Hall will be applying to the Charity Commission to change the remit to care for all of the communities' social needs. PCC approval agreed with all in agreement.	
7	Families and Children JH reported on engaging with youth and families across the parish. It is suggested the youth workers in each church meet and compare notes and ideas to encourage areas of development.	
8	Wider Church Nothing to Note	
9	Rectors Report AN reported there is nothing further to note on the status of MW, Bishop Martin is in touch with MW pastorally. AN asked the PCC to keep MW in their prayers. The Lent Lectures will be on Judaism if anyone has any ideas for lectures get in touch with AN. MA funeral will be held on 16 October 2023 at St Mary's. MA contributed hugely to the parish	

	especially as her time as parish warden. Her loss will be felt very keenly.	
10	Health and Safety Nothing to Note	
11	<p>Church Reports</p> <p><u>All Saints</u> requested approval from the PCC for Matthew Salisbury to become a sidesperson this was unanimously agreed. The Harvest Festival was well attended with goods going to Richmond Food Bank. Community Ventures restarted with a trip to Westminster Abbey. James Cryer has been appointed new Director of Music. The Jazz Super as part of the AS Concert Series was cancelled due to low ticket sales. The Energy Group, TC, BM and JW have met to discuss the energy needs of the church generally and the requirement to move towards net zero. Request for a faculty for Root Tru Grip, which is a green heavy duty mesh, dropped onto the ground and becomes invisible once the grass grows over it, for an area of 2.5m wide by 2.5m long below the Lamplugh window for holiday displays. This is cheaper and more environmentally friendly than the previous requested hard top and has been funded by the Flower Team proposed by JW, seconded by HJR and approved unanimously</p> <p><u>Christ Church</u> DM reported A faculty for work to several trees in the church garden has been submitted for List B approval. A faculty for the renewal of lighting in the church has been submitted to the DAC. The following has been received: our application status is now at notification of advice. The DAC electrical/lighting advisor has got back to the DAC to confirm he is content. The application is therefore ready to be processed as a 'recommended' case. Then there is the public notice period (28 days) to be carried out by us, and then we submit the proposals to the Chancellor of the Diocese. Christ Church has reviewed service times and agreed that our 8.00 am BCP service will now be held only once a month on the first Sunday and our 5.00 pm Evensong service (usually a choral Evensong) will be held once a month on a third Sunday. These changes came in at the beginning of September and will be reviewed. Harvest this year we collected donations of non-perishable food for Christ Church Brixton Road's weekly food cupboard which have been delivered. A defibrillator has been affixed to the south wall of the church adjacent to the south porch. Two training sessions in the use of the defibrillator have taken place. Dummy cameras have been erected by the Hall overlooking the forecourt, and by the church back door to deter unsocial behaviour which had been observed in these areas. We were pleased to celebrate Olwen's 20th year as a deacon, and Jonathan's first year with us. Looking forward to both continuing to contribute to the life of Christ Church.</p> <p><u>St Mary's</u> AL reported that the Harvest Festival and the BBQ were well attended and all donations went to Glass Door. Preparation for Quiz night with fish and chip supper are underway SC has tickets. It has been noticed there are more new families attending St Mary's. We have been looking into environmental improvements in connection with a recent legacy and taken advice from the parish architect on the environmental survey. One suggestion, an upgrade of the lighting system would be way too costly. We are still looking into the possibility of solar panels for the rooms, not the nave, and will be meeting with a solar panels expert to get a definitive idea as to whether these would be feasible or not. Less eye-catching suggestions that we are also looking into are secondary double glazing and loft insulation for the rooms.</p>	
12	<p>Parish Wardens Report</p> <p>CC reported the seven-year lease with the Scouts has been signed but we are still waiting to hear from the Guides that they are ready to sign. The legal fees for both will be more than estimated. The Old Sea Scouts Hall was used by the Mortlake Summer Playgroup for most of August. The fee received from this will cover the legal fees for one of the leases. The summer playgroup was brought in by the New Stepping Stones playgroup in the hope that it might attract more parents to use the playgroup during the rest of the year because they are struggling to find enough children to fill all their places. They think this is because working parents are looking for full-time nurseries. The playgroup has a very good reputation and is a happy place so I hope it will survive but we need to start thinking now about the possibility that it may not do so. The future of the Old Sea Scouts Hall should be part of the discussion by the new group on the parish finances – the Wigan Trust was set up for the benefit of the parish as well as the community. It was built as a boathouse and Cheri has to deal with constant small and large issues to do with plumbing, electricity, cracks in walls, leaks in the ceiling. Right now we need to find out if any of the unsafe concrete was used during its reconstruction in 1963. Holiday at Home was very well attended this year and much enjoyed. Rev. Jonathan Haynes was a brilliant</p>	

	<p>Master of Ceremonies and we are most grateful to so many in the parish who volunteered their talents to run the activities or help our guests. Penny Cowell, Tess Brown and I are all retiring and looking for replacements – Karen Brown and Brenda Morris have offered to replace Tess as treasurer. BM reported Cheri and I called at 5 Vernon Road to read the gas and electricity meters. MW was in and confirmed he had sent readings to Octopus. The gas and electricity is due to be checked and Cheri has passed on the contact details to MW so he can arrange this. The new tenants at 17 SGG have requested some repairs: framework to garage door is rotten and needs replacing. First floor doors are sticking due to dropped hinges and new carpet thickness; handles to back door and doors on the 1st floor are faulty and need to be replaced. The quotes received from Hamptons if we use their contractors are on the high side and we have asked if we can use our own contractors. So far the promised upgrade of the kitchen has not taken place. AB reported a leak through the ceiling of his study (back bedroom) after the monsoon rains on Wednesday night, also the electrics had blown on the 1st floor. The roofers have been in to clear the gutters and suggest the ridge tiles are the problem because they attract moss which then gets dislodged and blocks the gutters and downpipes. The electric circuit going down was due to an extension lead under the study window filling with water. BM visited AB on 26th October and saw the internal damage which needs to be repaired and redecorated.</p>	
	The meeting ended with the Grace at 8.40pm	
	<p>Date of Next Meeting Tuesday, 28th November 2023 8pm at All Saints Hall Monday, 29th January 2024 8pm at Christ Church Wednesday, 10th April 2024 8pm at All Saints APCM followed by PCC Wednesday, 22nd May 2024 8pm at Christ Church</p>	