

Werrington Parish Church
PCC Meeting

(PCC meeting, Thursday 12th September 2024 at 7:30 pm in St John's)

Present: Rev Ali Williams (Chair) Natalie Platts (Minutes) Sue Bennett, Frank Smith, Rev Kevin Fear, Robert Gregory Smith, Peter Dalrymple, Micheal Horspole, Chloe Hill, Jackie Cooke, Stuart Lidgett, Rev Rob Seaman, Alex Benoy, Rev Sue Fear, Jan Lowe, Jo Oldaker

1. Welcome : Prayer & Purpose Statement , JC) 2. Apologies: Mike Whitaker, Brian Hunt, Rick Trounce, Mark Tabor 3. Minutes of 11th July 2024 RGS had amendments for item 8 and MH had an amendment for item 11. Minutes subsequently approved. 4. Matters Arising A Scouts & Guides Lease (MH) This is being chased on a regular basis to progress this issue. Will need to inform the Charity commission if it is not sorted within a year. B St John's broadband update (MW) Report on email. C Pro Presenter & new computer/software update (MW) report on email. Tony Styles is consulting with people who do Multi media to determine the best software and computer. RGS proposed that if a computer is found it could be approved by email. Agreed as the purchase of a computer has already been approved by the PCC. D Conflict of interest Policy – form (NP) The draft document was discussed with two amendments. To include paragraph from the policy to define conflict of interest is and include a 'none' field. Once this is done it will be sent to everyone to complete. 5. Approved by email to be minuted (i) Resignation from PCC of Tom Cussell (ii) Date of PCC training 21st September 9.15- 12.30 6. Approval of WPVC CCTV policy Some comments to go back to Richard Sharman, from SL and RGS 7. Harvest gift distribution Agreed to give Harvest offerings to the Food bank, advised that Foodbanks are experiencing a real shortage of provisions. JC to liaise with PO and circulate on the church newsletter a list of items needed by the foodbank so that the collection could be passed on to them. Also, proposal to have a box for collection for foodbank in the church and list of wanted items. JC	Actions NP MH MW NP ALL SL/RGS JC/ALL
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will deliver to foodbank. Proposed Rev KF Seconded PD All in favour. 8. Parish Christmas card It costs around £350 to print the cards so the aims and effectiveness were reviewed. Discussion ensued about the missional and pastoral aspects of the Christmas cards recognising that not everyone receives cards at Christmas or use social media. Decided to continue as we did last year. Proposed Rev SF, seconded JL. All agreed. 9. Beacon Steering Group report (Rev AW/Rev SF/SL/MH/MT) Had a verbal/video presentation of an update of the refurbishment. There are more essential repairs needed and initial costings put us significantly over the £145,000 budget (double) Rev AW shared that there are a list of charities and foundations that we can apply for funding. In addition, there is an organisation that will help with construction at a reduced price. MH and Rev AW will apply for grants. Discussed sharing the need and vision with the congregations and invite giving and prayer. Wider community will also need to be updated. 10. Ministry Reports (Rev SF & Rev AW) (i) Ministry Experience Scheme - we have welcomed Connie Budgen. All three interns seem to be settling in well in the Deanery. (ii) Children and Youth a training meeting was held in July with everyone who is interested in children and youth. We are linking with nurseries, schools and beavers for services at St John's. (iii) Flourish This pilot is due to start and there is a lot of enthusiasm. The funding will pay for two Teaching Assistants and Chaplaincy hours. It is child centred and child led, extending to include the families. Focus on being outdoors and creating a new worshipping community. (iv) Services and Outreach Report of upcoming Services and Outreach opportunities circulated. Rev AW proposed to cancel the Taize service on 24th Nov as it clashes with the Christmas light switch on. Seconded by CH. All in favour. Generosity week commencing 29th Sept and run up to Christmas on the theme of sharing the light (see handout) Proposal to License Church Army Evangelist Maria Seaman to WPC shared and approved by PCC. 11. Health & Safety – (RGS) RGS drafted guidelines for the bring and share lunch 12. Safeguarding (SB) DBS and training are now all up to date. 13. Deanery Synod Report (FS) Report circulated. 14. Finance Report (MH) Accounts have been circulated. Going into next year our reserves may fall below the 3 months recommended by the charity commission. MH	Rev AW/MH/ALL Rev Sue MH
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proposed setting up another debit card for the flourish project JL seconded. All in favour. 15. Standing Committee Report (SF) no meeting 16. Warden Reports (SB/JC/BH) Report circulated from BH for St Johns Jill Myers is stepping down from the task of laundering the communion linens. She has done this for over 10 years and our thanks and appreciation go to her. SB to take her a card and flowers. Jill Cussell has kindly offered to take this task on. The former church library is to be set out on a table for people to help themselves to as it is not being run in the church. MH proposed financing cleaning the ST Johns chairs using the Miss Smith's fund. Rev KF seconded. All agreed. Budget of between £5 and £10 per chair. 17. Mission Committee report (PD/JO) The boards at both venues have been updated. (i) Barnabas Aid (PD/SF) This charity has been experiencing significant issues, including financial irregularity, which have been in the press and will be the subject of an inquiry. RT has emailed us all to suggest suspending support until the issues are clarified. This was supported by Rev KF and Rev SF. Rev KF proposed that by the next PCC we should have recommendations of an alternative charity from the mission committee so that the money can be reallocated. Seconded by SL. All in favour. SL to update website to remove references and links to Barnabas Aid. 18. Fabric Committee report not met 19. WPVC Management Group Work has been carried out to improve the toilets. 20. AOB and Closing Prayer AB asked how much it would cost to have other music playing at communion. RGS said it was a problem with the streaming of other music that wasn't 'homegrown'. Rev AW proposed speaking with others about the technical aspects. Seconded by RGS. Next meeting 14 Nov BH is chairing, PG is doing the prayers. Close ended 21.50	SB BH/MH PD/JO SL RGS
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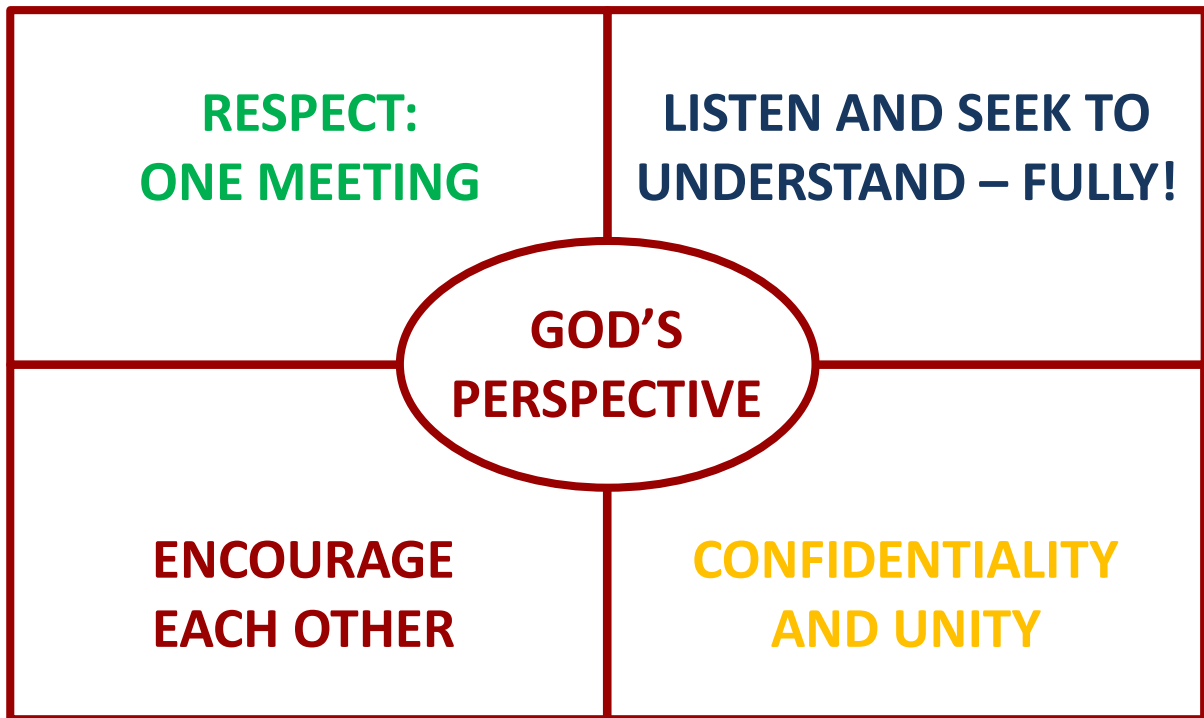
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Appendix 1

PCC Meeting Conduct

- Ensure pre-reading is done properly and questions are ready
- Be on time, start on time and stick to agenda timing
- No mobiles to be used in meetings unless absolutely urgent
- One meeting - no over-talking or “meetings within meetings”
- Healthy debate is good – be honest, respectful and succinct
- Don’t be afraid to pray and/or refer to scripture during the meeting
- Propose a motion and take a vote when needed to move forward
- PCC decisions are decisions
 - ... unless there is significant, later, new information
- Maintain confidentiality and unity behind decisions at all times

Ground Rules



Proposed agenda items (including background information and proposals) to PCC Secretary	Draft agenda discussed and finalised at Staff Meeting	Ministry & Warden Reports deadline	Agenda plus reports and pre-reading sent to PCC	PCC Meeting
1 st Jan	2 nd Jan	3 rd Jan	4 th Jan	11 th Jan
4 th Mar	5 th Mar	6 th Mar	7 th Mar	14 th Mar
29 th Apr	30 th Apr	1 st May	2 nd May	9 th May
1 st Jul	2 nd Jul	3 rd Jul	4 th Jul	11 th Jul
2 nd Sep	3 rd Sep	4 th Sep	5 th Sep	12 th Sep
4 th Nov	5 th Nov	6 th Nov	7 th Nov	14 th Nov

PCC/sub-group meeting frequency

- AGM Apr

- Main PCC Jan, Mar, May Jul, Sep, Nov
2nd Thursday from Jan 2023

- Standing &
Finance in diary for Feb, Apr, Jun, Oct, Dec
and cancelled if not needed

- Mission &
Fabric Feb, Apr, Jun, Oct, Dec