THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, MALDEN

Registered Charity No.1145155

Minutes of the 746th meeting of the Parochial Church Council

At 8 p.m. on

Tuesday, February 1st 2022

In the coffee lounge

PRESENT: The Vicar in the chair, Franklin Barrington, Marilyn Burkett, Richard Burkett, Anthony Pullen, Milly Broome, Lynn Sanger, Liz Pullen, Margaret Barrington, Pauline Armour, Deborah Harris, Liz Pullen

In attendance: Sally Pusey (secretary). Alastair Harris (treasurer)

The Vicar opened in prayer.

*7469* 1 – Apologies from Sally Josolyne, Chris Benson

*7470* 2 - NOTICE OF ESSENTIAL AOB

None

7471 3 - MINUTES OF THE December meeting

Approved and signed by Fr Michael

*74*72 4 – SAFEGUARDING

Zoe Skilton from the diocese has confirmed that there is a charge of £23 per basic checks. Only those people working directly with children need an enhanced check.

*7473* 5 - VICAR’S REPORT

Covid update- We are now open and we will remain open going forward and people are feeling comfortable being back in church. Church will still be ventilated.

Electoral roll-There were 121 people on the electoral role last year and we need to encourage more people to committing to join the roll going forward.

Lent- We will be having Lent course groups and we will have the full set of Easter services including a vigil.

We now have at least 3 of our baptism families attending church on a regular basis.

Michael would like to start a group for new people who have joined since he started at St Johns.

Coffee- Coffee will restart but people will be asked to take their coffees back in to church so there is more space for everyone.

Masks- masks will continue to be worn. Incense will be revised.

7474 6a-Finance

Alastair reported that the Parish Giving Scheme required a new account to be opened. When he looked at the current NatWest accounts he discovered that, even though he had requested they be removed, Kevin Scott and Tatiana Hagan were still signatories on the accounts. A special sub PCC meeting was called with Lynn Sanger as the chair and the following motion was passed by the 14 PCC members who were present.

“**It was resolved that the Authorised Signatories in the current mandate, for the accounts detailed in section 1.3, be changed in accordance with section Authorised Signatories, and the current mandate will continue as amended.**

**For the avoidance of doubt, the intention is to remove Kevin W Scott and Tatiana Hagan as signatories and to add Michael C F Broome and Richard J Burkett as signatories.**

**This applies to both of the Parish’s bank accounts held at NatWest: Sort Code 602428, numbers 33288151 and 35119640.”**

6b-Finance – end of year report

The finances are looking good with almost a £9,000 surplus. We received almost £29,000 in donations, one of which was £15,000 which was allocated to the building fund.

The planned giving by bank transfer is about £4,500 monthly. The general fund has a £7,000 deficit so we still need to work on planned giving.

There were £9,400 unbudgeted costs which included things such as the boiler, sound system and architect. Going forward we will try and foresee and budget for these things. The Budget will be revised again in March.

Stewardship- Another 2 red envelopes came in 1 of which was from a new giver.

Parish giving scheme- The following resolution proposed by Richard B was voted on and passed by the PCC. "**agree to join the  
Parish Giving Scheme and agree to receive donations from the Scheme in  
favour of this parish."  
“PCC members should pilot the scheme first, with subsequent roll out to  
others later in the year as part of another Stewardship Campaign in the  
Autumn”**

The following resolution was also voted on and passed by the PCC.

“**All committees, including the church hall committee, should share their minutes and finance reports with the PCC members via the parish administrator.**  **These should include, as a matter of good financial  
practice:  
-       An indication of both past and future planned activities  
-       Financial updates, where applicable, including forward financial  
plans, particularly expenditure “**

Thanks were recorded to the finance committee and Alastair for all their hard work.

7475 7-St Johns Hall

Nothing to report other than Lets are beginning to return to the hall post covid.

7476 8-1st Old Malden, St John the Baptist Scout headquarters agreement.

On the 23rd February 2022, Fr Michael, the church wardens, Jackie Pontin (Deputy Diocesan Secretary) and the archdeacon will be meeting to discuss the scout hut agreement.

The PCC resolved to accept the proposal from the 1st Old Malden, St John the Baptist Scout Group for the renewal of their letting agreement.

The resolution was as follows

**This PCC is agreed that this is in accordance with our mission to children and young people as we create a Eucharistic community for all**

This was voted on by the PCC with 13 members agreeing and an abstention from one member.

**PCC members** please see attached copy of the terms and conditions agreed with the scouts.

7477 9-Security Project

Esotec visited with the architect and revised cable routes were agreed. We were introduced to the new subcontractor and their supervisor and they are hoping to start early to mid-March.

7478 10-BUILDING REPAIR REPORT

Our Architect said he will have packages of work to be done, ready for us by March. Mike Broome has spoken to Duncan at the Diocese with the aim to look into trying to obtain some grants.

Following the cctv investigations of the drains re the damp in the building Mike B has been trying to find a drain specialist . After much searching he now has a lead and will be meeting with someone who deals with church conservation repairs.

7479 11-COMMUNICATION COMMITTEE/ST JOHNS WEBSITE

The communication

The church website is hosted by Church edit who have launched Design Builder to enable rebuilding and designing of the website for free. The aim is to upgrade and streamline our website.

7468 12-AOB

A letter from Barry Eaton was read out thanking the PCC for the purchase of his new cassock.

There being no further business, Fr Michael closed the meeting with prayer from

Marilyn Burkett.

The next PCC meeting would be at 8 p.m. on Tuesday 1st March 2022.