

**MINUTES OF THE PCC COMMITTEE MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
HELD IN BOSCO'S**

	<p><b>Present:</b> Linda Salt (church warden) Ilana Hill (church warden) Val Hessey Phil Bailey Mike Brown Alison Mayger</p>	<p>Pam Sales Nicky Boxer Sarah Webb Derek Malcolm Revd Keith Elford (Vicar) Pam Bridger Jennifer Pratt</p>	
	<p><b>Opening Prayers</b> Linda Salt</p>		
1.	<p><b>Apologies Received</b> Jean Samuel Sue Farley Tina Hookham Revd Jenny Phillips</p> <p><b>Absent</b> No absentees</p>		
2.	<p><b>Minutes and matters arising from previous meeting, not included elsewhere in the Agenda</b></p> <p>Minutes from PCC Meeting of 15<sup>th</sup> November 2023</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sarah pointed out and Alison agreed, that under Item 5 the reason for not putting the new bike rack out the front of the church was not because the area was not big enough but because it was considered too vulnerable. This correction was made.</li> <li>• Carols in pub didn't take place.</li> <li>• ECO church – no volunteers for the role as yet despite efforts to find someone.</li> </ul> <p>Correspondence – Midsummer Event</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alison read out email from received from Simon Hayes and her acknowledgement.</li> <li>• Ilana said the new prospective nursery owner is coming tomorrow (18<sup>th</sup> January) to review equipment. They are hoping for an Easter opening. Ilana said rent is owing for storing equipment from Ribbons Nursery. Alison said it is very unlikely we will get any money even though we are listed as a creditor with the Liquidator. Derek said the liquidators should store the equipment. Karen Benson has worked hard to get a new hirer. A bonus of £100 to be paid to Karen was proposed by Linda, seconded by Derek, and unanimously agreed.</li> </ul>		
3.	<p><b>Strategy – Steering Group Discussion</b></p> <p>Keith gave a PowerPoint presentation – see attached.</p> <p>Sarah said she liked Keith's perceptions of All Saints. It sounds a really nice place to be!</p>		Keith

	<p>Nicky said we have a large number of people who have gone on to take ministry around the world from such a small church.</p> <p>Derek said we need to strive for relevance in the community.</p> <p>Pam asked if an Alpha course would work with West Byfleet. Keith replied that there might be alternatives to Alpha but yes, we could work together.</p> <p>Derek asked what we are not going to do. Keith replied there was no answer to that at the moment.</p> <p>Pam reminded us that Bosco's/Claire's was built with grants primarily for the use of youth groups. A dedicated (youth) worker – 3-5 year plan to be shared with West Byfleet. Pam said she and Nicky go into the schools, but they could do with some more volunteers. We need to encourage the schools to visit us. Keith is planning to visit the schools.</p> <p>Keith has sounded Chloe McCarthy out about neuro-diverse children being included.</p> <p>We discussed re-introducing a family-friendly service. We also discussed improving/developing what we already offer.</p> <p>Derek asked how we could maximise the experience and quality of the Sunday morning service.</p> <p>Presentation will be shared with wider congregation on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Prayers of Blessing for same-sex couples</b></p> <p>Are we happy to adopt prayers of Love and Faith? The proposal is to offer blessing to same-sex couples as part of a regular service (not a separate service). We will go on a diocese list of churches offering this facility. Proposed by Linda, seconded by Pam, majority agreed, one against.</p>	Keith
5.	<p><b>Safeguarding Report</b></p> <p>Ilana read Penny's Safeguarding report (which was circulated before the meeting).</p> <p>Four groups need approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ballroom with Victoria</li> <li>• ARTventure</li> <li>• Footprints Pre-School New Haw – subject to contract</li> <li>• Childminding network group – subject to contract</li> </ul> <p>It was agree unanimously that these 4 groups should be approved.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Buildings Report</b></p> <p>Sarah gave her Buildings Report:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the beginning of December, the sycamore tree, palm tree on patio and a dead holly tree in the car park were taken down.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ian Lewis has fixed the damaged toilet doors in the main halls.</li> <li>• Ian will repair the crack in a section of the church ceiling on a Saturday soon.</li> <li>• R&amp;D Hitch are quoting for 3 floodlights on the church exterior walls. This will allow the grant application for the concrete base for the bike rack to proceed. They will also quote for some other electrical work around the premises including servicing and descaling the 2 electric boiling water heaters, and servicing the storage heaters in the large and small halls.</li> <li>• The dishwasher engineer is calling on Friday morning to repair the damage to the machine caused by the nursery not looking after the machine properly during the time they were responsible for its basic maintenance.</li> </ul> <p>Derek brought along a quote for new flooring in the main halls kitchen. The quote is £688. It was suggested that the floor needed to be non-slip and Derek agreed to check the specification. It was agreed to go ahead with new flooring.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Finance Report</b></p> <p>Phil presented finance report. There was not much to report due to delays with Charity Commission. We should have a surplus for the year. We now have an independent examiner thanks to Ilana, Chloe and Linda. Details of the new examiner have been passed on to Phil.</p>	Phil
8.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Prayer Central has now ended due to declining numbers. A new worship will take its place.</p>	
9.	<p><b>Dates for future meetings</b></p>	
	Buildings – Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 7.30pm in Claire’s	
	Finance – Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> February 7.30pm in Claire’s	
	PCC – Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm in Bosco’s	
10.	<p><b>Closing prayer</b></p> <p>The Grace</p>	
11.	<p><b>Meeting closed</b></p> <p>9.33pm</p>	

**These Minutes are a true and accurate record of the meeting held on Wednesday 17th January 2024**

**Chair .....**

**Dated 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024**