



# DEEPING ST JAMES PRIORY CHURCH

## Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021 (by Zoom video conferencing)

**Present:** Revd Mark Williams Chairman (**MW**), Caroline Herron (**CH**), Nick Drewett (**ND**), Simon Marshall (**SiM**), Revd Sonia Marshall (**SoM**), Vicky Billyard (**VB**), Lisa Goodchild (**LG**), Kate Drewett (**KD**), Ted Fisk (**TF**), Jan Fisk (**JF**), Nicci Fisher (**NF**), Martin Jones – secretary (**MJ**)

**Apologies for Absence** were received from:

Victoria Worthington (**VW**) and Philip Astle (**PA**)

The meeting opened with prayers and began at 19.30.

<p><b>20.99</b></p>	<p><b>Minutes of the previous meeting 14<sup>th</sup> April 2021:</b>          Corrected Minutes had been circulated prior to the meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The previous minutes were accepted unanimously</li> <li>b. The previous minutes can be published.</li> <li>c. Matters Arising:</li> </ul> <p><b>SiM</b> reported that, subsequent to the previous minutes, it has been decided that there will be teas and cake on sale at the Rose and Sweet Pea Show, rather than asking people to bring their own picnic.</p> <p><b>CH</b> reported that she and <b>JF</b> Jan had met with Stephen McAlister from CEL regarding the blocked downpipes and leak in the porch. He examined the downpipes from roof level and inspected the porch roof. He advised there is no lead upstand and the cement flaunching is broken/missing. <b>CH</b> asked about annual visits to check/clear downpipes and await his quote.</p> <p><b>CH</b> Regarding the proposed repair and painting of the chancel ceiling - we have approval to proceed with the works so she has emailed Chris Laughton of CML and asked him to contact her to discuss dates etc. She had not had a response but will chase him up.</p> <p><b>CH</b> reported that the railings are now in place. There is a proposal for a plaque regarding the supply of the railings and the Parish Council have asked for a review of the wording.</p> <p><b>MW</b> asked how the giving QR codes trial was going. <b>SiM</b> reported that 2 payments had been received and, hence, it was shown to be working.</p> <p><b>MW</b> gave a Covid update. Choir numbers have been reduced since the May 17<sup>th</sup> Govt update and the Choir is operating in accordance with the new guidance.</p> <p>One +ve Covid test, which was reported via the NHS track and trace App,</p>	<p><b>CH</b></p>
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	<p>lead to the cancellation of one Sunday service as all the necessary officers were contacted and told to isolate. All of the guidance and rules had been strictly observed and Public Health England stated that they were very happy with the measures in place. <b>MW</b> proposed a vote of thanks to all sides-persons, who have to implement these guidelines. This was unanimously and enthusiastically <b>agreed</b>.</p> <p><b>NF</b> reported that the Diocesan Synod was held on May 8<sup>th</sup> and the Resourcing Sustainable Church plan was discussed and accepted. The content has been circulated by e-mail. There are actions and it was <b>agreed</b> to table this as an agenda item for the next meeting. <b>NF</b> will send out a questionnaire prior to that meeting</p> <p><b>MW</b> proposed that a treasurer’s report template should be prepared in advance and that <b>SiM</b> and <b>MJ</b> communicate prior to the meeting (this being intended to assist with the secretary’s listening whilst writing skills). <b>MW</b> also proposed that all team reports be circulated a week prior to the PCC meeting in order that the PCC, having read them, can discuss that content at the meeting. This was <b>agreed</b>.</p>	<p><b>MJ</b></p> <p><b>NF</b></p> <p><b>SiM MJ</b></p> <p><b>Teams</b></p>
<p><b>21.01</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurers Report:</b></p> <p>Current acct £6 490</p> <p>Reserve acct (deposit) £17 (investment) £20 452 total of £20 469</p> <p>Fabric acct (deposit) £3 646 (investment) £10 362 total of £14 008</p> <p>Organ acct (deposit) £3 097 (investment) £3 994 total of £7 091</p> <p>In the current account there is the chapel fund, mission monies and wedding deposits of £2 133. After debiting these from the current account this leaves £4 360</p> <p>The Chancel trust (deposit) £15 533 and this is after £1 881 was transferred towards insurance.</p> <p>It was proposed to pay £2 500 to Parish share. This was <b>agreed</b> by all. This represents £11 500 more than was paid at this time last year.</p> <p>Envelope giving is up by £300 on last year. Collections are up by £200 on last year. Planned giving is up £400 on last year. In total, giving is up £900 on last year.</p> <p>The organist had not been paid for April and this was noted when paying him in May. The payment shortfall will be paid over several months in order not to unfairly incur income tax for the organist by paying both</p>	

	<p>months in one monthly period.</p> <p>Given that the Covenant Secretary had resigned some time ago, <b>NF</b> asked <b>SiM</b> whether he was happy to undertake this role himself. He said he was, as it would not add too much to his workload.</p>	<b>SiM</b>
<b>21.02</b>	<p><b>Report from Teams:</b></p> <p><b>Children's team</b></p> <p>There will be a family gardening event on 26<sup>th</sup> June in 3 sessions; clearing – lunch – planting. Parishioners are welcome to join some or all sessions. The Junior Church will join in and use that as their Junior Church activity for that month. <b>KD</b> asked if there would be a flyer or poster. <b>TF</b> said that there would be and he would action it.</p> <p><b>VB</b> reported that the Junior Church will restart in September, this being a good time of renewed starting of the school year and would include a blessing for the children and the Junior Church.</p> <p>There were no other team reports as none had met.</p>	<b>TF</b>
<b>21.03</b>	<p><b>Safeguarding:</b></p> <p><b>Youth Work in Parishes, contact database.</b></p> <p><b>TF</b> led the discussion which was prompted by the e-mail from the diocese that was circulated to PCC members. This lays out the requirement for all persons who do, or may, come into contact, in any form, with children on behalf of the church to have up to date DB records. He asked all church members who were in this position to please complete their DB forms. It was <b>agreed</b> that the organist would only need to complete a DB form if he, in future, was involved in a youth choir or was to give music lessons, etc on behalf of the church.</p>	
<b>Break</b>	The meeting adjourned at 20.09 in order to reset the Zoom meeting. It restarted at 20.11	
<b>21.04</b>	<p><b>Eco-Church Update:</b></p> <p><b>KD</b> asked if <b>TF</b> could resend the Eco Church link and he agreed to do so.</p> <p><b>KD</b> led the discussion talking about the Churches Count on Nature. Information is available in the porch.</p> <p><b>KD</b> stated that she would not be around on climate Sunday, July 4<sup>th</sup>. She is looking for 5 people to take on key areas of the Eco-Church programme. <b>ND</b> offered to take on Management of Church Buildings.</p> <p>All churches are requested to pray for the G7 leaders and their decisions that will affect our planet and the effects of human actions on it. There is an organised climate change walk from Cornwall to Glasgow to highlight the hopes for the G7 to take action. The route is on-line and people can join legs of it but the closest leg is Milton Keynes to Towcester.</p> <p><b>KD</b> said that she has some plants to begin re-wilding but that more were</p>	<b>TF</b>

	needed to be planted along the north boundary. <b>JF</b> asked if people can spread poppy seeds and <b>KD</b> said that that would be a good idea.	
<b>21.05</b>	<p><b>Rose and Sweet Pea show:</b> This is still planned for 10 July, Covid permitting.</p> <p><b>ND</b> reported that raffle prizes were sorted and tickets had been received.</p> <p><b>NF</b> stated that she and Linda Sellers had volunteered to take charge of the arrival of exhibits in the church and asked that the timings be made clear. It was reported that the timings are in the church magazine and the “I’d Rather be in Deeping” magazine.</p> <p><b>JF</b> reported that individual judges for each category have been sourced and this will speed up the judging.</p> <p><b>ND</b> reported that the Vicar’s Arms will be open and the license has been applied for. There will also be a simplified BBQ.</p> <p><b>ND</b> also reported that there were a good number of ring events booked, including the Rose Queen coronation and also several side stall attractions. He agreed to distribute a list to all PCC members.</p> <p><b>KD</b> reported that we have posters but we will hold on to them until it is confirmed that restrictions will ease to allow the event.</p> <p><b>KD</b> stated that someone was needed to run the BBQ and that a request would be made for 1<sup>st</sup> Aiders.</p> <p><b>SiM</b> asked that a request for cake donations be made for the tea and cake sales.</p>	<b>ND</b>
	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <p><b>MW</b> reported that Carol Precey has requested the opening her father’s grave to accommodate her mother’s ashes. This was <b>agreed</b>.</p> <p><b>MW</b> The Vicar’s e-mail had been subject to bounce-back due to complications as he switched to a new computer. He reported that he thinks that the issue is now fixed.</p> <p><b>MW</b> informed the PCC that the Bishop would be conducting the Vicar’s annual review and would join on 12<sup>th</sup> September for the service, where he normally officiates when he is present. This is when the children will be in church for their prize giving. It was <b>agreed</b> that this would go ahead in the presence of the Bishop.</p> <p><b>ND</b> asked the PCC to be wary of e-mails claiming to be from his address as he is aware of false e-mails being sent. These can normally be spotted by hovering the cursor over the sender’s address, when a real e-mail address will be revealed, but it can also show as the unwitting victim address if the account has been hacked.</p>	

	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> It was agreed to list dates of the remaining meetings for 2021, these will be: 7<sup>th</sup> July, specifically for Rose and Sweet Pea Show discussions. 1<sup>st</sup> September (possibly without MJ). It is hope that this will be face to face. 20 October 24 November 15 December</p>	
	<p><b>The Meeting Closed with the Grace and thanks from MW to all PCC members at 20.42</b></p>	