

A Report from the meeting of the PCC held on 23 January 2024

Mr. John Adams, Vice Chair held the meeting, and twenty members of the PCC were in attendance.

Matters arising from the last PCC meeting (28 November 2023):

HTBRA has recently received a legacy from the Late Joyce Pitcher from which it was proposed that the cost of the repairs to the window be taken, rather than being funded by the Friends Charity. The PCC supported this amendment to the original proposal.

Minutes from the PCC meeting and Standing Committee meeting (4 December):

Both were accepted with the above amendment.

Churches Together:

Diocesan and Deanery Synod have not met recently, but Revd Philip was able to give positive feedback about the local events organized by Churches Together over Christmas and Epiphany.

Sub-Committee items for decisions:

Finance.

The paper presented with comparison figures to the 2023 budget were discussed and accepted, with the acknowledgment that the final figures from the year end will show minor changes. Some Gift Aid has still not yet been claimed, amongst other things. Some capital spending has not been undertaken. Compared to the budget, the situation is positive.

The PCC Treasurer and Secretary are drafting the Annual Report and Accounts for approval by the PCC prior to the APCM (19 May). The Budget for 2024 is being prepared.

Fabric.

Permission was granted for the following applications under the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules:

- SSALL – List A for the installation of a defibrillator, List B for tree pruning work.
- SMBRI – List B for a replacement bench in the chyd and display of the bronze EcoChurch plaque.
- HTBRA – List B to remove the unauthorized yucca plant in the chyd.

SJWES: due to water ingress which has damaged the electrical circuits the power in the building has been turned off for safety reasons. No services will be held in there for the foreseeable future, although the church is open to visitors in day-light hours. (A service at 11am on Sunday mornings is being hosted by Harbour House.) Consultation with the Archdeacon and local electricians are taking place.

SSALL – Permission to apply for a faculty to cover the external renovation of the church was agreed (Phase 1A). It is hoped that the work can be undertaken during the summer months. The PCC had previously given permission for substantial funds to be used for the repairs, and there is sufficient available to be used in pursuit of the faculty application for Phase 1A, and also perhaps in due course Phase 1B.

Sub-Committee items for decisions:

EcoChurch.

Further details were received about the timetable and vision for the Parish Green Day on 23 March when we will broaden our participation in the A Roche scheme. Visiting speakers have been arranged from Bridport Sustainability, Beaminster Eco Group and the diocese, but the morning is primarily focused on the active participation of reps from our churches. PCC members were able to sign up to share the many jobs that are part of a busy event like this, so it will truly represent us all. More details will emerge in due course.

Communications.

The new website is almost live as the new emails and cloud storage are being activated.

Mission & Faith.

50 books have been ordered of the chosen Lent book (*Tarry Awhile by Dr Selina Stone*). Groups will be advertised in the Parish News.

A Quiet Day has been booked for Saturday 13 July. Details tbc.

MAKING JESUS KNOWN:

A small-group discussion was held as we reflected on the comments heard/discussed in the Advent groups, the five diocesan priorities of *Making Jesus Known*, and as we tried to identify where there was an overlap of thinking.

We were able to feedback around a dozen ideas, which grouped together will be considered as possible priority areas for the parish. They were:

- **EcoChurch and Sustainability**
- **Engagement with families and young people**
- **Discipleship, personal development**
- **Outreach to tourists**

Any Other Business:

- i The Revd Cally Burch's licensing will be held on Thursday 11 April at 7pm in SMBRI.
- ii Each local church sub-committee is asked to begin to prepare their report, which will be included in the publication *The Year in the Life of the Parish 2023*.
- iii When asked, Jill Henderson, our Christian Aid rep, suggested that any donations be given through Christian Aid's Middle East Crisis Appeal. Their website shows clear information about the situation.

Date of next meeting: 12 March 2024.

Next Sub-Committee Meetings:

The following meeting dates are for information. Any input that you may want to have can be sent to the Leader (whose names are all listed on each church notice board).

Communications	??
EcoChurch	2pm Tuesday 13 February in SMBRI
Fabric	4pm Thursday 14 March in HTBOT
Finance	??
Governance	<i>To be arranged when issue identified.</i>
Mission & Faith	7pm Thursday 8 February in SMBRI
Pastoral	Tuesday 27 February SMBRI
Bridport & West Bay	7pm Tuesday 19 March in SJWES (?)
Allington	4.30pm Tuesday 2 April – Events & Fundraising. 4.30pm Tuesday 26 March - General
Bradpole	11am Sunday 11 February
Bothenhampton	12noon Sunday 11 February
Walditch	??

Bridget Trump, PCC Secretary
3 February 2024.