

St Mary the Virgin, Linton

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council held on 9th September 2024 at 7.30pm in the Pavilion

Chair – Dr David Parry-Smith

Present – Mr A Cornell-Webb (Secretary), Mrs C Dodd (Churchwarden), Mrs S Ellis (Treasurer), Mrs S Thorne (LLM), Mr D Watts (Churchwarden), Mr J Thorne, Mrs J Burge, Mr A Gore, Revd P Seaton-Burn (Rector and Chair), Mrs C Watts (LLM and Safeguarding Officer), Mrs S King, Mr J Organ, Revd M Wilcockson (Associate Priest), Dr D Parry-Smith (Lay Chair), Dr S Nickolls

1. Opening prayer

2. Apologies - Ann Slaymaker

Ministry and outreach

3. Rector's report -

- It had been a busy Summer including a number of Christenings and funerals. PSB was grateful to Michael Wilcockson and Gill Powell for their work supporting our Baptism ministry.
- Building relationships with the Social Navigating team at Granta Medical Centre was bearing fruit – there had been several referrals from them for pastoral care. Paul and Sue Filby, Chair of St Mary's Pastoral Group, had started following them up.
- We have the challenge of building on the good work by Sarah Thorne and her teams, ahead of her retirement at Easter 2025. Conversations were underway regarding the future provision and sustainability of Make Lunch, Tots, and Messy Church. (It may be that oversight of Make Lunch may be assumed by friends at Linton URC). More prayer and conversation is required.
- The three home-based RnB groups would be resuming for the Autumn term.
- Forthcoming events included:
 - A Quiet Day for the Linton Parishes at Clare Priory - 25th September.
 - 22nd September - Taizé Service.
 - 29th September – Joint service for Michaelmas at Bartlow (10am).
 - 5th October - Harvest Thanks giving Weekend (including a Gift Day and Ceilidh).
 - 9th October – pilot of 'Thinking Ahead - End of Life Matters' at the village hall (2.30pm).
 - 3rd November - Light for Loved Ones, a gentle and inclusive service for All Souls (6pm).
 - 10th November – Linton Remembers (2.30pm & 3.15pm).

4. Updates for the PCC:

4.1 Children and Families Team

- Report distributed before the meeting.
- No comments other than a need for succession planning

4.2 Deanery Synod update

See point 5

4.3 Events Committee

- Report distributed before the meeting.
- Lots of events over the next few months. Nothing to add to the written report given.
- Kitchen all completed and signed off, Thank from PCC to Cathy and her team for making it happen.

4.5 Pastoral visitors' group report

- Report distributed before the meeting.
- John Organ would like a list of members put on reports in the future.

4.6 Beacon Youth Trust

- Becky spoke at the end of church service last week.
- Thanks to Cynthia who is going on Maternity Leave

5. Deanery and Diocesan Matters

5.1. Request from the Deanery Standing Committee who would like to seek the opinion of the PCCs in the Deanery. If there is a rebate this year do they: 1) equally distribute to each parish 2) pro-rata distribution as with this year 3) by need to be decided by application to a committee

- The PCC of St Mary's Linton is in agreement that proposal 2 which states "pro-rata distribution as with this year" is its preferred method of rebate
- Proposed by Sue Ellis, Seconded Paul Seaton Burn, Unanimous Vote.

5.2. The total Deanery Funds balance is £33,304 which is divided between 3 funds: Deanery Development Fund (£7761), Parish Grant Fund (£8479) and Parish Loan Fund (£17,064). There is an additional £11,033 which is the 2023 rebate which will be paid back to the Parishes pro rata, as previously agreed. There are no outstanding loans to any of the Parishes. Rural Dean expenses need to be covered. The rest of the funds could be spent on a number of initiatives

5.2.1 The Deanery would like the PCC's to discuss how the Funds should be spent. Views at the Deanery Synod Meeting were as follows: Views included Youthinc, Science Chaplaincy (Babraham, Granta Park, Sanger, Faraday – working party meets next week to

discuss) and such activities benefit all in the Deanery; using funds to subsidise struggling Granta Deanery parishes; could we support city parishes with outreach work.

- Question was asked around the cost of the Science Chaplaincy – Proposed £5,000 a year for 4-5 years which would be used as start-up funding, to hopefully show the businesses the usefulness of this chaplaincy so they may help fund in the future.
- After discussion the PCC of St Mary's Linton is in agreement that the Science Ministry should be pursued as the preferred choice, however, the PCC recommends that this is reviewed annually,
- Proposed by David Watts, Seconded John Thorne, Unanimous Vote.

Management and maintenance:

6. Minutes of the PCC Meeting of 8th July 2024

- Typo on Page 2, Offices should read Officers
- Proposed by Paul Seaton-Burn, Seconded by Michael Wilcockson, Unanimous Vote.

7. Matters arising

- 8b – It was agreed that some thank you should be made to Nicola on behalf of the church family, following her major contribution to the life of the Infant School in various ways, not least as Chair of Governors.
Action: Paul to contact Nicola.
- 7 - Mental Health First Aid Poster in Church – To be completed.
- 9 – Anne Parry-Smith – Speaking to Defib Companies, Other people looking at there being an automated external defibrillator within a 150m radius providing cover over the village.
- 9 – Approval of Committee Members:

Finance Committee – Chair: Vacant, Treasurer: Sue Ellis, Paul S-B, Charlotte Dodd, David Watts, Sarah Nickolls, Sue Mudge, John Organ.

Fabric Committee – Chair: Barry Roberts, David Watts, Paul S-B, John Thorne, Andrew Gore, Jacqui Hall, Richard Tonry, [Keith and Judy Nightingale].

Events Committee – Chair: Charlotte Dodd, Sue Ellis, Sue Mudge, Patricia Schofield. Anne Parry-Smith, Nanette Blackmore, Andrew Cornell-Webb, Cathy Watts, David Watts, Jacqui Burge, Barry Roberts, Rebecca Richardson

Pastoral Committee – Sue Filby, Paul Seaton-Burn, Michael Wilcockson, Lesley Gore, Sarah Thorne, Cathy Watts, Glynis Younger, Hannah Foote and Jo George.

PCC Representative for the Friends - Jacqui Burge, Proposed Paul Seaton-Burn, Seconded John Organ, Unanimous Vote.

Children and Family Committee – Moire Jarritt, Katherine Croxall, Rev Michael Wilcockson and Sarah Thorne (Child and Family Minister)

Standing Committee – Paul Seaton Burn (Rector and Clergy Chair), Andrew Cornell-Webb (PCC Secretary), David Watts (Churchwarden), Charlotte Dodd (Churchwarden), David Parry-Smith (Lay Chair) Jacqui Burge (Representative from PCC).

Parish Council to PCC Working Group – Andrew Gore and David Watts. Proposed Paul Seaton-Burn, Seconded Cathy Watts, Unanimous Vote.

8. Safeguarding report (Cathy Watts)

- Safeguarding Sunday 17th of November – Domestic Abuse, Mental First Aid,

8.1. PCC authorisation for church groups.

- Accepted at previous meeting

8.2. PCC authorisation required for non-church groups.

- Accepted at previous meeting

9. Churchwardens' report.

- It appears Martin's Law has been changed to reduce the impact on places like parish churches, this issue will be brought back to PCC when Martin's Law is being read in parliament.
- The Sound System problems have come from people having changed the levels but not resetting it back to default afterwards

10. Other reports.

10.1 Finance & Stewardship

- Report distributed before the meeting.
- Short of Money, People need to join the Parish Giving Scheme (PGS).
- Plans were underway for a Harvest Thanksgiving weekend in early October. Among various activities planned, there would be a ceilidh on the Saturday evening and a focus on stewardship and the PGS throughout, including the Sunday morning (which will be followed by a shared Harvest Lunch. This would complement the new 'legacy leaflets' and giving flyers, which would be circulated in church.

10.2 Fabric Committee

- Concerns about unexpected costs of the surveying of the resurrection chapel which was organised by the fabric committee.
- PCC Standing Committee to be informed in future about further inspections by specialists for any work in the church.

11. Consideration of the re-appointment of Moire Jarritt as Linton Infants Foundation Governor (PCC Appointment)

Proposed by David Parry-Smith and Seconded by Paul Seaton-Burn, Unanimous Approval

12. Decision around the date of the 2025 APCM.

This would be confirmed at the next Meeting.

13. Any other business

Hole in the Churchyard – Investigation to be made – PC consolidating the brickwork of the vault and putting a slab across – Likely will need faculty, interim faculty can be considered.

Dates of future meetings for 2024- 2025:

The date of the next PCC Meeting was changed to Wednesday 20th November 2024.

Subsequent meetings will be held on 13th January 2025 and 10th March 2025.

Deanery Synod dates 2024 - 2025: Tuesday 29 October 2024 and Wednesday 12 March 2025 .

The meeting closed with prayer.