

Minutes of the APCM meeting of the Thatcham Parochial Church Council held at St Mary's Church on 21st May 2023.

In attendance: Mary Baker, Sue Ball, Judith Bennet, Revd Mark Bennet (Chair), Sarah Bennet, Revd Angela Brennan, Paul Bullock, Joan Collins, John Collins, Mike Collins, John Coombs, Alison Dean, Ann Dibble, Doreen Dines, Chris Druce, Viv Druce, Julie Dunwell, Kevin Dunwell, Maggie Fidler, Marion Fontaine, Revd Brenda Harland, Debbie Harley, Michael Harley, Christine Rice, Steve Rice, John Robinson, Margaret Robinson, Mary Stagg, Simon Stagg, Lynne Starr, Mike Stevenson, Susan Stevenson, Colin Waters, Debbie Waters, Mike Watson, Ann Watts, Chris Watts, Emma Watts

Apologies: Tony Collie, Jeremy Cottam, Lourdes Cottam, Bernadette Ellison, Cath Forbes, Leanne Fowler, John Hicks, Pam Hicks

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Mark Bennet opened the meeting with a prayer.

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1	Minutes Previous APCM The minutes of the APCM of the 29 th May 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by Mark Bennet.	
2	Matters Arising None	
3	Fabric Log Book The fabric log book for the year was accepted as a correct record and signed by Mark Bennet.	
3a	It was noted that there was no hot water in the kitchen or the toilets. Chris Watts explained that the heating system works but the component that supplies hot water to the taps is not functioning. Due to the age of the boiler, it is very unlikely that it can be repaired and a replacement unit will be required. The standing committee will address this issue.	
4	Safeguarding Ann Dibble provided an update and current status of Safeguarding. Everyone should do the basic on-line training as anyone could be the first person approached. DBS checks and further training will continue to be performed.	

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5	<p>Parish Organisations</p> <p>Paul Bullock will be stepping down from his role. A replacement is being sought.</p>					
6	<p>Electoral Roll</p> <p>Chris Watts said that there are 178 people on the Electoral Roll. The previous count was 179. The Electoral Roll is due for review in 2025.</p>					
7	<p>Inventory</p> <p>The inventory was presented. Chris Watts explained that a photo record of key items is now required by the insurers. Mark Bennet said that the inventory will have to be formally transferred to the Church Wardens.</p>					
8	<p>Financial Accounts</p> <p>Chris Watts presented the financial accounts which are awaiting formal verification. The financial situation seems to be resilient but is still not in the “black”.</p> <p>The meeting wished to thank Pam Broads’ family for the bequest of £25K. A further £20K has also been donated. This money has been ring-fenced in the Fabric Fund.</p> <p>It was noted that there has been no income from advertising in Connect, as very few copies are now printed because most people receive an electronic copy.</p>					
8a	<p>It was proposed that the Standing Committee will review the report.</p> <table><tr><td>Proposed</td><td>Chris Watts</td></tr><tr><td>Seconded</td><td>Paul Bullock</td></tr></table> <p>The meeting approved the proposal.</p>	Proposed	Chris Watts	Seconded	Paul Bullock	
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9	<p>Deanery Synod</p> <p>Mary Stagg and Tony Collie stated that they wish to stand down from their rolls.</p> <p>Kath Forbes and Chris Watts will continue with their roll.</p>					

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11	<p>CTiT</p> <p>Viv Druce and Catherine Forbes are happy to continue as representatives on CTiT.</p>																										

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1	<i>Ascension Day</i> Debbie Harley mentioned that the Ascension Day service was appreciated and very much enjoyed and asked if it could be held later in the day and not at 7:00 am. Mark Bennet replied that the time was to enable people who worked could attend yet still get to work. However, he would review the timing of the service.	MB
2	<i>Lent Groups</i> Joan Collins asked if a future Lent Group could be held in the afternoon and be better publicised. Mark Bennet replied that request this would be looked at.	MB
3	<i>Communion Cup</i> Sarah Bennet raised the idea of returning to the common Communion Cup instead of intinction. After a general discussion, Mark Bennet replied that there was a need to carefully consider the options and the needs and preferences of the congregation.	
4	<i>Parish Away / Quite Day</i> Debbie Harley asked if a Parish Away / Quite Day was planned. Mark Bennet said that this was being considered.	
5	<i>Evening Services</i> The meeting wished to thank Mark Bennet for special evening services. These were enjoyed and appreciated.	
6	<i>Outside / Open-Air Services</i> Simon Stagg asked if Outside / Open Air Services were planned similar to the services that were held during "lock-down". Mark Bennet replied that this was being considered for the month of August.	

The meeting was closed with a prayer.