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*WOLLATON PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL*

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10 July 2023 at St. Leonard's Church at 7.30 PM.

**Present:** Tim Pullen (TP) (Chair), Carol Barber (CB), Matt Green (MG), Roger Howes (RH), Roger Owen (RO), Mike Smith (MS), Sally Smith (SS), Val Sutton (VS), Noreen Thomas (NT), Elaine Thompson (ETh), Emma Twissell (ET), Penny Ball (PB) Jan Walsh (JW).

**Apologies:** Gill Moore (GM), Erica Bailey (EB), Lindy Jones (LJ), Kevin Twissell (KT) and Lisa Smith (LS)

- P59/23**      **Opening Prayer.**  
The meeting opened with a prayer and Dwelling in the Word (John 4: 4-14).
- P60/23**      **Apologies and declaration of conflicts of interests.**  
The apologies were noted.  
There was one declaration of interests from Tim Pullen in relation to minute reference (tree management at the rectory).
- P61/23**      **Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 15 May 2023.**  
These minutes were approved as an accurate record of the meeting subject to a minor typographical correction.
- P62/23**      **Minutes of the Standing Committee meeting held on 12 June 2023 (unconfirmed)**  
These minutes were received for information. It was noted that Rachel Higginson **may** have to stand down from her role as Safeguarding Officer due to her workload and home responsibilities but this will be confirmed in due course.
- P63/23**      **Matters arising from the PCC minutes.**
- P64/23**      **Matters arising from the SCART minutes.**
- P65/23**      **Notification of items to be raised under Correspondence or Any Other Business.**  
Correspondence:  
AOB:
- P66/23**      **Refreshing the Vision.**  
TP reminded us that the Diocesan vision goals were set in 2016 for a period of 7 years. The Diocesan vision refresh will be presented at the Diocesan Conference in October. We will remain engaged with the Diocesan focus on Growing Disciples: Wider, Younger, Deeper.  
Our own vision remains unchanged with the priorities of:  
    building the next generation of church  
    building relationships with people who find themselves in marginal and vulnerable situations  
    building authentic community  
In particular, over the next few years our focus will remain on developing our families and children's ministry, identifying and equipping new team members and leaders for different areas of ministry, and building a faith-sharing culture.

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**P67/23**      **Leading in Evangelism.**  
TP asked the PCC if they were comfortable with the term 'evangelism' or whether 'building a faith sharing culture' would be a better term to help encourage the widest possible engagement across the church. There did not appear to be a particularly strong view either way.  
The small team which has been participating in the Diocesan Leading in Evangelism programme has been building up experience of practices which help develop our ability to be bearers of good news and holding ourselves accountable to each other.  
The experience of the team has led to certain elements being added to our corporate worship (e.g. Keeping silence to listen to God, using the missional prayer from Leading your Church into growth as a concluding prayer) and individual prayer life (e.g. Praying for 5). PCC members and some members of other teams have been practising their faith stories to build confidence and think through what experience we have of God which can be shared as good news for others.  
MS asked for prayer for the Building a Faith Sharing Culture team as they continue to develop ways of moving forward and seek to engage the wider church family.  
MS confirmed that the questionnaires filled in by the congregation were helpful in building up a picture of how St Leonard's members feel about evangelism/sharing good news.

**P68/23**      **Fabric**  
RH reported that the repair work on the roof was carried out at a cost of £900.  
A question was asked about whether PCC members knew of anyone who could undertake certain small fabric-related jobs that arise from time to time.  
Following water ingress above the Boiler Room roof VS confirmed there was a need to seal the gap between the wall and the line of angled stone above the boiler room roof.

**P69/23**      **PCC Away Day.**  
Tim will send out a Doodle Poll to the PCC suggesting dates.

**P70/23**      **APCM 2024**  
It was agreed the date be 21 April 2024 following the service as it has been in previous years.

**P71/23**      **Standing Items – Reports.**

### **Health & Safety**

#### **Safeguarding**

Mike reminded everyone of the need to complete Safeguarding Courses C0 and C1, and when the Domestic Awareness has been completed to send MS the confirmation certificate.

It was suggested that these courses are offered to all in the congregation and TP ask Natasha to put links/QR codes in the notice sheet encourage members to complete them to help raise general awareness and strengthen the church safeguarding culture. As some people do not have internet access it may be possible for Kirsty Cowley (Deanery Administrator) to run an in-person version locally.

#### **Finance**

LS will report to TP and Liz Norris in due course.

#### **Deanery Synod**

#### **Diocesan Synod**

RH submitted a report covering the matters on the agenda at the last meeting. TP gave

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a brief update following the previous General Synod relating to progress on Prayers of Love and Faith. He asked for ongoing prayer for wisdom for all involved in taking this forward and for an ability to focus on unity in mission.

**Families and Children**

No report. LJ has maintained a high level of involvement with Firbeck Primary over recent weeks and is organising a Family Fun Day on 9th September.

- P72/23**      **Electoral Roll.**  
No report as nothing has changed on the Electoral Roll.
- P73/23**      **Wollaton Arts Festival PCC approval formally recorded.**
- P74/23**      **Correspondence.**  
None
- P75/23**      **AOB**  
Tree Management at the Rectory.  
Val Sutton reported on the 3 quotes for the tree work and it was agreed to accept the quote for £900.  
Proposed: MS  
Seconded: MG  
For: 12  
Against: 0  
Abstention: 0  
Val will be overseeing the work.

**Next PCC meeting: 11 September 2023 @ 7.30pm**

**SIGNED.....DATE.....**  
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