

PRESENT:

John Mackenzie (Chair)	Peter Celi-Stamp	Jill Humphreys
Phil Sibbald (Secretary)	Charlotte Coles	Laura Lawrence
Shirley Leslie (Treasurer)	Dawn Evans	Anita Sorrell
Richard Bellamy	Jerry Fox	Dawn Stamper
Ken Blanshard	Derek Goodwin	Arthur Waters
Andrew Brown	Richard Houghton	

1: Welcome & Opening Prayers:

Opening Worship was led by **Rev John Mackenzie**

2: Apologies For Absence:

Apologies were received from Judy Blount, Robert Sharp, June Wenborn, Lesley Wraxall, Wendy Pryor, Eve Lanchantin-Piggott, Michael Piggott, Libby Varley, Ken Blanshard (Late), Lorraine Andrews, Ian Rich, Sue Sawyer, Nathan Wilson, Peter Needham, Alan Stamp.

3: Minutes of the last meeting held on 13th October 2018:

Several corrections were made to the minutes of 13th October. It was agreed that **Phil Sibbald**, would get these corrections typed up and signed by **John MacKenzie** at a later date
(NB, this was done the following week)

4: Matters Arising Not On The Agenda:

It was announced by **Rev John MacKenzie**, that **Rev Dawn Stamper** has now been licenced as Associate Priest to the Ashford Town Parish as of Friday 14th December 2018.

5: Correspondence:

There was none.

6: Mission Report

A written report had previously been circulated and was accepted by the PCC. **Nathan Wilson** was thanked for his continued hard work as Team Missioner.

7: Finance Report:

Shirley Leslie gave a verbal update on the state of the Parish Finances. She delivered the good news that we had received three legacies which would almost clear the overall 2018 deficit.

Mission:

There was a discussion on how we financially support mission within the parish. While each church supports various charities, it was agreed that as a parish we should continue to support Christians Against Poverty, Fresh Start, Graham Nunn and MakeLunch. The following motion was put to the vote:


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“Integral to the Mission of Ashford Town Parish, we will support the following, over and above done by local & special collections:

Christians Against Poverty, Fresh Start, Graham Nunn and MakeLunch

Proposed: Shirley Leslie

Secoded: Rev Richard Bellamy

FOR: 16

AGAINST: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 2

Motion Carried.

Minibus:

It was reported to the PCC meeting, that the Minibus had failed its MOT. With welding work that took place, it came to approximately £500. However, due to the minibus age, it is likely not to get through further MOTs and become more expensive to run. A working party is being setup to look at the way forward for the minibus.

8: Safeguarding

There were no safeguarding issues to be reported

9: Children and Communion:

A discussion took place with regards to children and communion. This being, children taken communion before confirmation. Each local area operates in different ways on this matter. Kennington, had already adopted a policy many years ago. However, it was felt, that we should have a formal adoption on this subject. Therefore, the following motion was put forward:

The Ashford Town Parish are content to gain consent from The Right Revered Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover to give Children Communion

Proposed: Rev Andrew Brown

Secoded: Charlotte Coles

FOR: 18

AGAINST: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

Motion Carried. The Bishop's office will now be contacted as to the process of this motion.

10: General Fabric Issues:

Sevington:

Jerry Fox, Church Warden sought from the PCC to appoint John Minter (Part of Lee Evans Partnership) as Inspection & Project Architect for the development of Sevington Church. The following motion was put to the meeting:

Ashford Town PCC appoint John Minter (Part of Lee Evans Partnership) as the Inspection & Project Architect for Sevington Church

Proposed: Rev John MacKenzie

Secoded: Rev Caroline Mansley

FOR: 17

AGAINST: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 1

Ashford:

A document on behalf of **Ken Blanshard** had been previously circulated with regards to the update and improvement of the stage lighting at Ashford Church in partnership with Revelation St Mary. The funding of this project would total £19999.95 and be finance as follows:

Private Donation:	£5,000.00
Revelation St Mary	£4,999.95
Grant from Ashford Borough Council	£10,000.00

Therefore, there would be no cost to the Parish

The following motion was proposed:

Proposed: Ken Blanshard

Secoded: Rev John MacKenzie

FOR: 17

AGAINST: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

Motion Carried.

11: Team Development Officers Report:

There had been a circulated report from **Phil Sibbald**. This was accepted by the PCC

Phil Sibbald added a verbal follow up. Due to the Team Development Officer's Role having a mostly "Back office" approach it, there had been some comments as to "what does he actually do?", "We don't see him" etc.

As the PCC is the employer of the Team Development Officer, he wanted to assure them, that he was working his full hours and the job and still enjoying it.

Rev John MacKenzie thanked **Phil Sibbald** for all the work he does around the parish as Team Development Officer.

12: Any Other Business:


Electoral Role / Standing Committee Question:

Derek Goodwin asked could anyone on the Electoral Role attend a PCC Meeting? The answer was yes but they would not have the right to vote on any issues that required a vote.

He continued by asking who was on the Standing Committee and how long was tenure on Standing Committee.

It was explained that the Standing Committee is created by Role & by Election from members of the PCC at the meeting directly after the APCM. The current members of the Standing Committee and the means in which they are on Standing Committee are:

Rev John MacKenzie (Team Rector)
Jerry Fox & Alan Stamp (Church Wardens)
Shirley Leslie (Treasurer)
Phil Sibbald, (PCC Secretary)
Nathan Wilson & Anita Sorrell (Parish Officers)
Lesley Wraxall (Elected Lay Person(s))
Team Vicar Vacancy*
Team Curate Cavancy*



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Electoral Role Officer:

Since the departure of Rev Canon Timothy Wilson, we have a vacancy for Parish Electoral Role Officer. PCC agreed to have this as an item on the next PCC meeting Agenda.

Team Rectors Discretionary Fund:

The Team Rector has access to a discretionary fund for times of emergency. This can be used at his discretion to cover taxi fares, a night in a Bed and Breakfast or for anyone in a state of emergency. It was proposed that this fund should be topped up by £800.

The following motion was put forward:

To transfer a further £800 to the Team Rectors Discretionary fund.

Proposed: Rev John MacKenzie

Seconded: Phil Sibbald

FOR: 17

AGAINST: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0

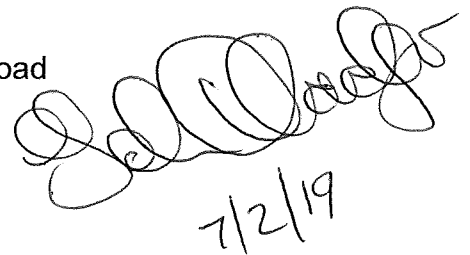
Motion Carried.

13: Confidential Matters

There were none.

14: Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 7th February 2019 at Christ Church Hall, Christ Church Road



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