

ASHFORD

CHURCH TEAM MINISTRY

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the Parochial Church Council of Ashford Town Parish held on
Thursday 28th March 2019 in St Mary's Church, Kennington.

PRESENT:

John MacKenzie (Chairman)
Shirley Leslie (Treasurer)
Jill Humphreys
Caroline Mansley
Sally Rickard
Richard Houghton
Eve Lanchantin-Piggott
Michael Piggott

Jane Appleton
Dawn Stamper
L C Andrews
Cathy Aldis
Andrew Brown
Arthur Waters
Morag Sharp
Richard Bellamy

Ken Blanshard
Jerry Fox
Ian Rich
Derek Goodwin
Keith Strong
Alan Stamp

Sue Sawyer (minutes)

1 Welcome & Opening Prayers

Rev John MacKenzie welcomed everyone and Revd Eve Lanchantin-Piggott opened the meeting in prayer.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from: Judy Blount, Phil Sibbald and Revd Andrew Brown, Paul Needham, Alison Sherwood, Anita Sorrell, June Wenborn, Lesley Wraxall, Charlotte Coles & Wendy Pryor

3 Minutes of the last meeting held on 6th February 2019

Page 2 Finance Report: St Mary's Ashford

Rev John MacKenzie would want to see this grant taken off insurance not the global figure.

Page 4 Fabric: Ashford

Resolution should read:

The PCC supports the planting of thirteen cherry trees and one magnolia tree in the churchyard of St Mary the Virgin Ashford noting that the work is to be carried out by Ashford Borough Council's in house arboriculture specialists Aspire Landscape Management and at no cost to the PCC

Proposed by Revd Richard Bellamy

Seconded by Mr Richard Houghton

In favour: 23

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Against: 0

Abstentions: 1

With these amendments the minutes were signed.

4 **Matters Arising not on the Agenda**

- Tenure of Local Wardens – to be brought up under AOB
- Herby Baker has taken over as Local Warden from Libby Varley at Willesborough
- Robert Blount has been appointed Local Warden at St Mary's Ashford

5 **Correspondence – None**

6 **Mission Report (previously circulated)**

Rev John MacKenzie has met with Nathan Wilson. Ashford College Chaplin, Ignite and Pub Talk are all going strong.

Ignite has settled into a pattern, maintaining 10 – 13 with good interaction between volunteers and guests.

Ignite will be a standing item under future Mission agenda.

A planning meeting for Make Lunch has taken place. There will be one during half term and two during the Easter holiday at St Mary's Kennington and St Francis.

Family Liaison Officers are involved and together the project has identified a whole new level of deprivation. Meals and support are now provided for whole families.

Other parts of the parish are meeting with Nathan Wilson to discuss supporting families in other areas.

7 **Finance Report**

a) Annual Report & Financial Statement

Page 1 Mission – remove 3rd sentence.

A retired Priest has offered to be a pastoral presence and Priest at Great Chart in the new year. Cathy Aldis will continue to be involved.

The Diocese are committed to buying a property on Chilmington Green but have not given a commitment to fund a post.

Foodbanks to be included as a number of them operate in premises in the parish.


Page 2 Funds – Remove the word 'overall' in the first sentence.

Proposal to adopt the Annual Report & Financial Statement

Proposed by Ken Blanchard

Seconded by Revd Eve Lanchantin-Piggott

Carried unanimously

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Shirley Leslie informed the members that Ashford Town Parish had moved from 4th from bottom to 4th from top in the table of parish shares which had only been achieved through the pooling of funds.

b) Final Accounts

The layout has change in accordance with new reporting practices.

For example: Magazine Sales come under Activity; Magazine adverts come under Generating Funds.

The Diocese were 6 months in arears with Gift Aid, this is now only 2 months in arears.

We are holding 6 months reserves.

Page 9 sets out to reconcile the movement of cash.

Page 10 shows more detail on each heading on Page 6.

Page 11 Assets – Likely life of the solar panels is a minimum of 22 years with possible recycle value.

Five Listed Places of Worship grants were submitted, only two were successful for Sevington and Willesborough.

Movements of Endowments under £10,000 are within our control.

Proposal to adopt the Final Accounts:

Proposed by Rev Caroline Mansley

Seconded by Jill Humphries

Carried unanimously

c) Ashford Parochial Charities Grants towards insurance costs

On the understanding that the grants were to be used for St Mary's Ashford only discussion took place on the 3 options previously distributed.

The final proposal for Option 2 was felt to be more equitable.

Proposed by Jane Appleton

Seconded by Rev Richard Bellamy

In favour: 15

Against: 0


Abstentions: 3

d) Budget

Actuals for 2018 to be corrected.

The Diocese agreed to reduce the Parish Share for 1 Minister.

Extra money needed to raise is manageable if we share a positive message. £10 extra a month at the beginning of the year increases as a third of the year has gone.

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A suggestion to reduce the planned increase from 5% to 3% was felt to be more realistic.

Nathan is working with each church family to produce a tailored information sheet with a realistic amount based on when the stewardship campaign is launched.

With one correction the Budget was proposed for adoption.

Proposed by Jerry Fox

Seconded by Jill Humphries

Carried with one Abstention

e) Mozambique Appeal

It was agreed that half of the collection from the Deanery Service on 4th April would go to the Mozambique Appeal and half to Madagascar.

The same could be done for the Parish Pentecost Service.

8 Safeguarding

No matters live in the Parish.

The final 6 people have completed their forms at St Mary's Ashford. However, the Diocese has not accepted them as the roles didn't need them. More information will be sought from the Diocese.

9 Fabric

a) Willesborough

- Proposal for applying for a Faculty to paint of the church clock face and hands.

Proposed by Ken Blanshard

Seconded by Jerry Fox

Carried unanimously

- Churchyard Parking Area

The LLT have asked if a faculty can be created to move the notice board to the other side of the path and create a hard standing area.

Proposed by Ken Blanshard

Seconded by Revd Eve Lanchantin-Piggott

In Favour: 17

Abstention: 1

b) Great Chart Project

Initially rejected for funding from the Heritage Lottery Project the application has been split up.

- Toilets outside the Vestry – Cost of £2,500 for new drawings from designated funds

Proposed by D Goodwin

Seconded by Cathie Aldis

Carried unanimously

- AV system is not working well and the survey which reinstates the loop system, costs £1,345 from restricted funds.

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Proposed: D Goodwin
Seconded: Cathie Aldis
Carried unanimously

c) Kennington

The LLT have asked for a new heat curtain to be installed across the porch during the winter.

Proposed: Michael Piggott
Seconded: Revd Eve Lanchantin-Piggott
Carried unanimously

d) Noticeboards

Not seen by the DAC
Revd John MacKenzie will be chasing this up.

e) War Graves

Not seen by the DAC
Revd John MacKenzie will be chasing this up.

f) Ashford

The Quinquennial Report is due and there will be costs associated with it.

10 Team Development Report (previously circulated)

Revd John MacKenzie reported that Emma Bishop had resigned from her post of Administrator with 1 months' notice.

The advertisement for this post must reflect on the needs of the Parish following a full review.

Revd John MacKenzie gave a vote of thanks to Emma for her contribution to the church family and wished her well in her new role.

11 Authorised Lay Ministry – Pastoral Care

Proposal to support Libby Varley's request.

Proposed by Dawn Stamper

Seconded by Ken Blanshard

Carried unanimously

Proposal to support Gavin William's request.

Proposed by Revd John MacKenzie

Seconded by Caroline Mansley

Carried unanimously

12 Any other Business

a) Local Warden Tenure – to be included in next agenda

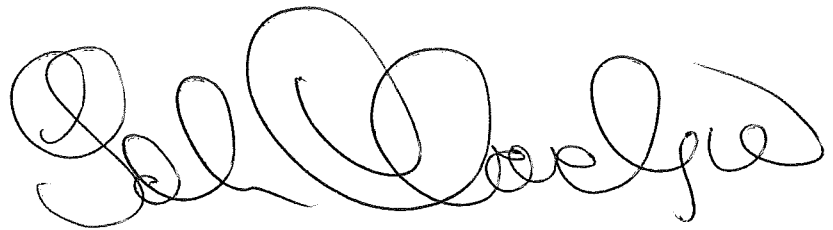
b) Revelation event for the Trussel Trust

13 Confidential – None

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14 Date of next meeting – APCM Wednesday 24th March 7.30pm St Mary's
Willesborough

Revd John MacKenzie thanked all those whose tenure had ended and encouraged them to stand again if they wished.



REV J. MACKENZIE
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