

## **Minutes for the Biddenden Budget Meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Present**—Alex Bienfait, Paul Webster, Julie Lupton, Ann Courtness, Peter Cutts

**Apologies** – Joanna Winston

### **Opening Prayers**

### **Draft Budget for 2019**

The draft budget was reviewed and the PCC decided on a number of actions.

The PCC will approach the Friends of All Saints Biddenden to ask if the following can be paid for:-

- Organ tuning
- Clock servicing
- Boiler servicing
- Servicing of fire extinguishers
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There may be others than can be negotiated. Julie to look at the list of regular servicing contracts

Cleaning – in view of the substantial deficit that is being forecast the PCC decided to reduce the cleaning costs to a monthly visit of 3 hrs. The PCC warmly thanked Peter Cutts for his budget and the clear and transparent way in which he has presented the figures

### **Charity of the Year 2019**

In line with previous discussions in the September PCC meeting, the PCC confirmed its desire to support the Apollos Trust as its charity for 2019 expressing the ambition of raising up to £600/700 through appeal and the balance of the £1000 that the PCC are seeking to commit to the Apollos Trust coming from the In Need fund.

### **Salaries**

The PCC agreed to support the suggestion in the draft joint account budget presented by Tom Hay that staff salaries should be increased by 3% . This is for the organist and parish administrator.

### **Wedding fees**

These to remain the same unchanged except the verger fee increased to £25.

### **Hoffman Legacy**

The family of Verena Hoffman who has left £5K to the church have indicated their strong desire that this money is used to maintain the structure of All Saints church. Peter to place this money into restricted funds.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.