# St Michael Smarden PCC

Minutes of virtual Zoom meeting of the PCC held on 21st July 2021 at 7pm

**Present: Tom Hay,** Edward Demery , Stu Tucker, Tanya Ling, Vivienne Rose, Mike Barkway, Jeremy Carey

| Item | | Action |
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| 1 | The meeting opened in prayer. | |
| 2 | **Apologies for absence**<br>Ewa Loffstadt, Tony Lush | |
| 4 | **Minutes of the previous meeting held on 7th June 2021**<br>• Item 6 Charity of the Year for 2020 - Office to remove decking sentence as this was fitted before the June meeting and already paid for. There was some disparity on money that may have been promised to FOSP as this was not minuted. PCC agreed to keep Friends of Smarden Primary School as the Charity of the Year for 2021. As Ewa was not at the meeting to confirm if the minutes were correct this will be discussed in the next meeting when schools are back from holiday. **Action** Office to to add to agenda for September meeting. Office to amend June minutes accordingly. | Office |
| 3 | **Welcome to new PCC member**<br>• Jeremy Carey was welcomed to the Smarden PCC. | |
| 5 | **Matters arising from the minutes**<br>• Item 11 –Ewa has made the transfer of £4000 from the deposit account to the current account<br>• Item 12 Wild flower bed -Edward has spoken with Margaret Wheatley on this and will need to follow up. This has also been raised with Brian. **Action** Office to carry forward to September meeting as a separate Churchyard and Wilding item and ask Brian if he would like to attend the meeting.<br>• Item 14 Leftover magazines – Stu has not spoken to Tony as yet.<br>• Item 16 Book of Remembrance – three entries have recently been made. It was asked if any member of the parish go into the book or is a church connection required. Marcus used to administer the entries in the past. More clarity is needed on any rules and restrictions when making entries A**ction** Vivienne to speak to Marcus on how to decide who goes into the book and whose decision it is . PCC can then review the criteria. | **ED**<br>**Office**<br><br>**VR** |
| 6 | **Correspondence**<br>• Notice of Suspension of Presentation received from Bishop Rose has been received and has been placed on the church noticeboard.<br>• In answer to Mike Barkways query at the Section 11 meeting, Nigel Collins from Diocesan House confirmed that it is the churchwardens legal responsibility for the church building during the vacancy period. | |
| 7 | **Interregnum update**<br>• Parish profile has been sent to Louise Mills and will be advertised shortly **Action** Office to look into the web link for this and send to PCC groups.<br>• Services during interregnum are going well with the help of David Trustram, Anthea Williams, Mike Rose, Archdeaon Darren. | **Office** |
| 8 | **Nave Altar update**<br>• Tom is looking to sort the faculty for this. | |

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| **9** | **Active Church update**<br>• Plan to restart in September. | |
| **10** | **Finance update**<br>• Report sent to the PCC before the meeting<br>• £4000 taken from the deposit fund which has left £1400<br>• ABC have donated £200 towards advertising for the Christmas Tree Festival this year. | |
| **11** | **Churchwardens update**<br>• Government restrictions have been relaxed and churchwardens have been discussing how to approach this. Last Sunday, the congregation was able to sing with masks which was greatly appreciated. The PCC were asked how they felt about wearing masks in church. It was agreed that it was voluntary decision for each individual. Respect and understanding on the issue is important. Taking bread and wine was still being discussed.<br>• Alex and Stephanie's leaving party is this Sunday at Charter Halland some help with moving tables mid morning was requested from 10am. | |
| | **Fabric**<br>• **Guttering –** with the very heavy rain recently there has been torrential rain down the church walls. Blocked down pipes and soakaways were found to be part of the issue and fixed. The guttering also needs a repaint but is very high so quotes are being looked at. We have had one quote for £1100 though they are now unable to do the job.<br>• It was asked if the PCC were happy to go ahead with a competitive quote of up to £1500 to get this fixed. All in favour. | |
| **13** | **H&S**<br>• No update | |
| **14** | **Magazine update**<br>• No update | |
| **15** | **Events and fundraising update**<br>• 2022 Smarden church calendar and the Christmas Tree Festival are both progressing well.<br>• Tower photograph with Brian in the tower for the calendar went ahead | |
| 16 | **AOB**<br>• **Action O**ffice to move this item to the beginning of the agenda going forward.<br>• Lots of cakes leftover from end of year primary school which can be donated to the leaving party on Sunday<br>• Church tower flags – Stu spoke to Brian to discuss what events would result in flying the church flag. For example, the flag was raised during the Euro football matches. Further events could be raised for flying the flag going forward? Could we purchase a St George cross flag as well **Action** Office to add this item to September agenda | **Office**<br><br><br><br><br><br>**Office** |
| | **Date of next meeting:-** 14th September at charter hall at 7pm | |

The meeting closed with prayers at 9.10pm