

St. Andrew's and St. Peter's Church, Toller Porcorum

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held at Orchard House 7pm

Monday August 16th 2021

Agenda

Present: Rev'd David Baldwin, Rev'd Fiona Beale, Mike Boardman, David Wallbridge, Thelma Billen, Paul Lepitt, Judy Miller, David Ennals.

Apologies: Keith Miller; Jenny Wardle.

Opening Prayer was said by the Rector.

Minutes of the last meeting from January 20th were approved as an accurate record and duly signed.

Matters arising: none.

Reports

Financial: MB submitted a report. The building work on the tower has been suspended, therefore we carry forward a surplus of approximately £30,000! The share payments will continue for 2021. MB had prepared the freewill giving leaflet, and this will be distributed. DE to organise. £7,000 is owed to the Architect.

Team Council: (attended by DE) minutes circulated.

Church 2030 meeting: (attended by DE) slides used at the meeting were circulated to all church members. The way forward on patterns of worship and vision for the benefice were left open for further discussion. Anne in the church office will pull together remarks and questions that were aired. The future of Parish administration has to change as the Team cannot find 15 treasurers, secretaries, Churchwardens etc.

Buildings: Bat Survey has been carried out, but more surveying to be done in the tower. The work on the tower has been suspended as early frosts may stop the lime mortar setting correctly. PL – who has taken over from KM - is creating a confirmatory faculty for the temporary roof to be signed off. Money will be required to pay the Architect to do drawings so that the new faculty for the main roof repair can be prepared. *The PCC expressed formally their sincere thanks to Keith for all he has done as our buildings representative, and look forward to the time when he feels sufficiently well enough to recommence his involvement.*

Future of services – The PCC agreed to holding Tea Church at 3.30pm in the Village Hall as from January on the first Sunday of the month. Eucharist to continue in the Church on the third Sunday (although in the Village Hall Jan, Feb, March). Evensong may continue in one of the churches on the 5th Sunday.

Harvest Supper: proposed Saturday October 2nd but help is required to make it a reality. The Rector will contact Mike & Gwenda Selley to find out if their folk group would perform for us. Harvest Festival Service October 3rd at 3.30pm.

Any further business: Church locking rota to be amended and re-issued by JM. The PCC wished to thank Martin & June Wilson for all their help in cleaning the church. DE had made contact with Richard Noble who works voluntarily for Dorset Historic Churches Trust

by making videos of church buildings using a drone. He only charges travelling expenses. DE showed some pictures of buildings from his videos where the drone's camera had been used to inspect broken stone work, cracks etc. It was agreed that an aerial video of our church could be useful. DE to email Architect to find out if there are specific points on the church where closer inspection would be useful. DE queried whether Communion Trays holding small glasses for the Communion wine could be used as a safety aid against the spread of Covid. The Rector stated this would not be allowed, the Archbishop insists on a communal cup.

Date and time of next meeting: Thursday November 4th at 7pm at Orchard House.

Meeting closed at 2040 hours.

DE.