

## MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL

# VIA ZOOM, 7pm TUESDAY 9th MARCH 2021

#### 1. WELCOME

Present: Craig D'Alton (Vicar)

Christine French (Warden) Sarah Benfield (Warden) Sandra Ivory (Warden) Simon Barrie (Treasurer) Brian Hauser (Secretary)

Mandy Burritt Garry McCarthy

In attendance: Emily Fraser (Assoc. Priest)

Apology: Jack Lindsay

Judith Armstrong

#### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 February 2021 are a true and correct record of the matters discussed.

Moved: SB, Seconded: SI. PASSED

# 3. MATTERS ARISING

None

#### 4. VICAR'S REPORT

The report was circulated prior to the meeting and discussed by Parish Council.

CD advised that the diocesan Child-Safe protocols are being substantially re-drafted to ensure they only address what is required by law and due diligence, are workable and focus specifically on those directly working with vulnerable people and children. CD is on the working group and understands the new protocols will be released in May'21.

CD highlighted the constructive discussions the parish is having around the Lenten Sermon series and the pleasing level of engagement in the post-service discussions.

PC discussed the importance of Christ Church SY developing it's own 'brand' founded on genuine and excellent inclusion and the need for education to support this.

#### 5. WARDEN'S REPORTS

The report was circulated prior to the meeting and discussed by Parish Council with the following agreed:

### **Toilet Conversion Project**

- PC AGREED the project will be managed by the school architect and one quote will be sourced from the builder that the school uses for final approval by PC prior to works proceeding in June'21 school holidays.

#### **Cuthbert Bequest**

A substantial bequest (est. \$500k) from David Cuthbert's estate is to be used in the first instance for the stonework repairs at the base of the spire (est. cost \$225k) as intended.

- PC SUPPORTED the application for a Living Heritage grant for an expanded scope of works valued at \$400k (including 50% matched grant funding of \$200k) to address works to open access to the lower-level vestries. The Architect's fee for the application is \$5,000.

Moved: CF, Seconded SB, PASSED

- Should the grant application be unsuccessful (or for a reduced amount) PC AGREED the stonework at the base of the spire would be prioritised and funded by the David Cuthbert bequest. No agreement was reached by PC on the intended use of the balance of the bequest at this stage.
- PC agreed that a Maintenance Plan for all parish property be developed for future work for subsequent allocation of funding, bequests, and future grant applications. This would be prioritised around urgency, safety, supporting parish mission etc. PC agreed that this plan be developed prior to the planning day in April for further discussion and consideration.

**ACTION: CD, BH, SI** 

#### 6. TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented the accounts to Feb'21 noting the following:

- Income is \$28,720 (12.7%) above budget.
- Expenses are \$13,025 (6.3%) above budget.
- Net profit is \$35,219 to \$18,717 budget.

PC discussed the importance of a sensitive approach to planned giving to encourage a wider pool of donors to participate. All other items are mostly performing to budget.

The Treasurer's report was approved.

Moved: SI, Seconded: SB. PASSED

## 7. OTHER BUSINESS

CF reported the morning tea and hospitality roster consists of 24 people with 3 to 4 people per Sunday available. This still imposes a significant burden on those involved and more people are required to expand the offering beyond the current arrangement.

Landscape planning and design was briefly discussed and PC agreed to explore any previous evaluation of the gardens and landscape to be included in the wider site plan.

### 8. NEXT MEETING

The following dates for meetings were agreed:

Date	Time	
Tue 13 April'21	7pm	PC Meeting (Zoom)
Sat 17 April'21	10am to 1pm	Planning Day (in person)
Tue 11 May'21	7pm	PC Meeting (in person)
Tue 8 June'21	7pm	PC Meeting (in person)
Tue 13 July'21	7pm	PC Meeting (in person)
Tue 10 Aug'21	7pm	PC Meeting (in person)
Tue 14 Sep'21	7pm	PC Meeting (in person)
Tue 12 Oct'21	7pm	PC Meeting (in person)