

St Mary & St Melor PCC

Minutes

21st July 2021, 7.30pm

Item	Item
1	Prayers Welcome to Archdeacon Alan Jeans (AJ)
2	Apologies - LC (RD arrived 20.10)
3	Declarations of Interest JS declared an interest as he is on the town council.
4	Approval of June minutes Signed as a true record

5	<p><u>Fabric and Fundraising</u></p> <p>Detailed letter from architect - met with DA, and then with DA and AJ</p> <p>Discussed that big projects hold a much better chance of securing big grants (e.g. lottery)</p> <p>Need to move towards architect's drawings so we can go out to stakeholders and ask their opinions.</p> <p>We need to agree as a body that we can commission Emma Mullen to do the work. All agreed.</p> <p>Talked about possible reorganisation of the church and the addition of amenities including Main entrance - Kitchenette in North Transcept. Outside - glassed area similar to Cathedral.</p> <p>Talked about consultation with public.</p> <p>Joined by AJ who suggested that we could go through the north wall to get through to the outside.</p> <p>We can build upon the history of the building as a monastic abbey. Drawing on the history - use a cloister as a motif for the design.</p> <p>AJ - start at the finish' look at English Heritage Lottery grants to find out other similar projects and go and have a look. Not looking to build an addition to the church that looks like the building now. Light weight structure - lets light in.</p> <p>If we put facilities outside we will not be squeezing the inside of the church.</p> <p>Major source of funding should come from outside of Amesbury, ie grants.</p> <p>Consultation is everything - AJ has sent a consultation process examples to PCC.</p> <p>Consultation process invites criticism, we will take it on the chin, hold the line and we listen and learn.</p> <p>The consultation does not offer a final plan, it listens seriously. Inviting to comment on this new vision.</p> <p>Invite societies early - these are statutory - they will offer comments and then we respond.</p> <p>Public document of who said what and our responses. Open transparency.</p> <p>Draw together the important themes of historical Benedictine tradition - hospitality, shelter.</p> <p>JS reported what the council think. WCC has declined to list the hall as a community asset. The town council is seeking to appeal against the decision.</p> <p>AJ happy to work with us on consultation document. Go for big money. It will be a long, bumpy process that will build bridges. We need to stick to our original principles that led to us making the decision to sell the hall.</p> <p>We will need faculty and if building outside, listed building and town planning consent.</p> <p>Ask Emma to get started.</p> <p>Start to think about consultation process. Need a timetable. Need to make a list of potential stakeholders / consultees.</p>
5	<p>Action updates from minutes</p> <p>Contact board of finance re Share</p> <p>Thank you in pew sheet for money being paid.</p> <p>Website link - ongoing</p> <p>Charity commission - check that correct accounts are on the site</p> <p>Annual accounts to deanery synod.</p> <p>Emma - gully email, full quote for north slope of chancel roof (moss and tiles)</p> <p>Bawden - ask them to do the one-off job.</p> <p>Need keys to the old boiler shed</p> <p>Hall - certificates for gas and electrical safety are in hand.</p>
6	<p>Safeguarding</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> <p>Cameron has asked permission to play organ. RD will seek advice from diocese.</p>

7	<p>Health & Safety Nothing to report</p>
8	<p><u>Finance and Stewardship</u> Treasurer report - no report received.</p> <p>Financial review - TPJ Income against essential expenditure Guarantee £40K a year Donations & legacies that we can't reply on. Expenditure - essential forecast £13500 Nice to have expenses - flowers, organ etc. Share - £56K Share explained - diocese receives money from national church as part of its income. Share payments are a contribution to cover clergy, stipends, housing, pension across the diocese. It is worked out by how many you have in church and how affluent the parish is. Board of finance are very aware of the financial situation of churches. SM reported that they advise parishes to pay as much as they can. DA reminded us of what he has mentioned before - that we will, in the future, have to fundraise for the running costs of the church, not just fabric, as many rural churches do. TPJ presented income against expenditure and this was welcomed. We need to produce a budget.</p>
10	<p><u>Mission and Outreach</u> Next steps for church opening - what will we change? We need to do things in a stepped approach not open everything at once. Diocese will not tell us what to do, they have advised to take a stepped approach as we have been doing.</p> <p>No prebooking required. Choir practise to resume. Keep pods how they are. Congregation can choose where to sit. Encourage to wear masks.</p> <p>Opening the church between 8.30am and 4pm whenever possible - from September</p>
	<p>AOB Book for school leavers - Scripture union 'It's your move' The leavers' assembly took place on the school field. TPJ will be retiring from the PCC at the next APCM.</p>
	<p>Grace - meeting closed at 22.43</p>