

Amesbury Parish Church PCC Meeting

Minutes

18th November 2020, 7.30pm Zoom

Item	Item
1	Prayers
2	Present: DA RD JS TPJ SM LC Apologies: JL (prayers for her family at this time)
3	Declaration of Interest None
4	Approval of Minutes Signed as a true record
5	Amendments / Action updates Standing committee meetings Wednesday not Tuesday Sophie has joined the standing committee
6	Safeguarding Nothing to report
7	Health & Safety TPJ raised the question of who are key holders for the church and the hall. A note will be put in the pew leaflet to ask people to email DA if they hold church keys. Members to email DA if they too hold keys.
8	<u>Fabric and Fundraising</u>
8.1	Building works Completed a week early. Seen lead from outside, wood from inside. All looks very nice. Time to be given to north wall of Nave. Carvings are all up. Faculty was an interim faculty - if no objections then it will become a full faculty. All works done well. Pews all back in place, anti-climb paint on pipes, Smart Water in place. Update in Trader. DA has a photo of church without pews. Residual amount of money (£6K approx.) to be paid in a year.
8.2	Plant growth on church - SM raised a concern regarding this. Clearing gutters also needs doing. BM to contact Bawdens to get a quote.
8.3	Wyndham Hall
8.4	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Wessex Water inspection - work has been identified by them. SM identified someone to do the work for approx. £100. Everyone agrees. Hall keys to SM and she will let him in. On completion Wessex Water will reinspect.
8.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Disabled toilet - is in the process of being decorated.
8.6	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Future plans for hall - 2 options - keep it or sell it. If we keep it there is a reopening plan. Damien K has approached JS to ask if we would consider leasing it to him for his own business and it could still be used as a church hall (this would be a 3rd option). DA said we needed to make sure that it is fair play. If we go down the road of selling we would need to make sure it was marketed in an open way on a level playing field. RD asked what the reason would be for selling the hall. The hall has the potential to make a marginal profit, which would cover maintenance. In the long term the overall possibility for us is that part of the fit for the future project we see the church as having the potential to provide the facilities that the hall offers and we could liquidise the money from the selling of the hall. During lockdown the user groups were put on hold with the hope to reopen in Sept. At Oct PCC it was decided to keep the hall for church services only. In a misunderstanding of the minutes an email was sent to the users to say the hall was closing. In order to reopen the hall now much work would have to take place to get in touch with users and get the hall ready to open. TPJ reminded members that 3 years ago when the roof needed

	<p>replacing and we needed £350K - the church finances were running at a loss it was agreed in PCC that if we did not get all the money we needed we would have to consider selling Wyndham Hall and also got quotes for this.</p> <p>SM - if we are going to fit out the church it needs to go. We need it at the moment until we have the facilities.</p> <p>JS - if we leased it as a business we will get some income. In the long term it will need to be sold.</p> <p>TPJ - we could lay down the condition if we did lease it.</p> <p>RD - new to area, if we sell hall now, we shoot ourselves in the foot as we have no toilets or gathering places in the church. Leasing is a good idea. RD asked that the choir were able to use the hall on a Thursday evening for choir practise.</p> <p>BM - need to take professional advice</p> <p>LC - we need to generate some income for it. Maybe leasing is the option.</p> <p>DA - agrees that the hall is a catch 22 - we can't keep it on as a white elephant. Either resurrect it as it was, or leasing. Not viable financially without. If we do sell it is an injection on money (£200K or whatever) and the next works in the church does not have to be done all in one go. The roof caught the imagination of the community but even with that it did not generate donations from the town. It is therefore unlikely that the next phase of fit for the future will attract support from the community. We need to get professional in the tell us our options for toilets / kitchenette and then we will have an idea of costs.</p> <p>We can not just sit on the hall without a plan. On agenda for Dec. PCC - lease, sell or relaunch.</p> <p>TPJ suggested that JS asked Damien K to put his proposal into writing.</p> <p>DA will liaise with diocese about the possibilities of a lease option. SM will wait for DA's contact to the diocese and then speak to estate agents for advice. TPJ will put all the thoughts, old or new, together if we email them to him. He will email round some questions.</p>
<p>9 9.1</p>	<p><u>Finance and Stewardship</u></p> <p>Treasurer report</p> <p>LC shared the accounts which were very clear, thank you.</p> <p>For next meeting please add totals to columns, and total income and expenditure.</p> <p>Wyndham Hall accounts.</p> <p>Quarterly returns.</p> <p>Need VAT figures</p> <p>Forecast of expenditure for next year</p> <p>Split donations column into donations / fundraising</p> <p>It was agreed that DA invite Emma, the architect to come and have a conversation with a field visit to have a look to see if it is possible and where toilets and a kitchenette could be in church.</p>
<p>10 10.1</p>	<p><u>Mission and Outreach</u></p> <p>Reopening of church</p> <p>JS - open before Christmas it would bring joy to everyone who attends the church, even with the restricted numbers. A bright light in a dark tunnel.</p> <p>RD - depends on Covid government guidelines</p> <p>TPJ - don't make it public but have things in place in case we are able to open fully at the last minute.</p> <p>DA - thinks the restrictions on numbers will be here still at Christmas. Reservation that it will be a bit flat as it will only be 30 people.</p> <p>RD - music is part of Christmas and this would not feel right, and flat.</p> <p>SM - live streamed services - will this happen in church?</p> <p>RD - depends on the cleaning, if this is done preferable in the church.</p> <p>Friends deep clean - have offered to pay for this. Need to get this organised. Will still have to do a risk assessment, mark spaces... make Covid safe.</p> <p>Book in deep clean, detailed risk assessment, purchase or download stickers to mark out</p>

<p>10.2</p> <p>10.3</p> <p>10.4</p> <p>10.5</p>	<p>distancing, gel etc. think about opening and closing safely, which services we are going to offer, mid-week, Sunday service. Need to find out if we can have music - no congregational singing.</p> <p>DA to email Friends to take them up on deep clean.</p> <p>Risk assessment - BM to look at and seek help if needed. SM will email deanery for examples from other churches.</p> <p>Sudan - Ibba Deanery still fundraising - only one teacher. Like suggestions to try and get schools involved. Keeping link open. SM will keep us</p> <p>Stonehenge Trader - Andy Williams has given half page each month. 15th of month for next month's post.</p> <p>Amesbury CE Primary School - DA met with deputy head. DA is going to go in to do assembly with small groups.</p> <p>Website - RD shared the website (Amesbury Parish Church rebranded) that she has put together. £150 a year - all agreed. RD will pay and LC to reimburse her from church account. Thank you to RD and DA.</p>
	<p>AOB</p> <p>TPJ - would it be worth while having an email contact that says vicar@, treasurer@... Rather than a named one.</p> <p>JS - for December charity collections. Perhaps to Ibba - we usually give half to them but this year there is unlikely to be collections.</p> <p>RD - choir director? Nothing at this moment in time due to Covid. Michael Nottage will be holding the fort. DA envisages that we will then look at what we need, what we can afford and who is in the pool.</p> <p>DA - PCC discussed - we are looking to opening as soon as possible, not delaying until after Christmas.</p>
	<p>Grace - meeting closed 10.20pm</p>