**CHAILEY P.C.C.**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT 3 WARREN**

**WOOD ON 18th JANUARY 2024 AT 7.00 P.M.**

**Present:** Revd Paul Mundy, Mr Anthony Meadows (in the chair),

Mrs Bea Annis, Mr Jonny Annis, Mrs Kirsten Bowen,

Mrs Maryjane Corver, Mr Paul Corver, Mr Chris James,

Mr Peter Martin, Mr John Smith, Mrs Jane Von Der Becke and

Mrs Teresa Wenban.

**Apologies:** Mrs Brenda Ford, Mrs Christine Peskett and Mrs Sarah Tillard.

The meeting opened with a psalm and prayer.

Anthony Meadows thanked Maryjane and Paul for their hospitality.

**2024-01 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 23rd NOVEMBER 2023**

The minutes had been circulated.

**2023-65** should include ‘and all PCC members should complete the basic and foundation levels’.

**2023-69** should read ‘Peter Martin said there was a need for a wheel barrow and John Smith said that the mole catcher..’.

The minutes were **AGREED** and signed as correct.

**2024-02 MATTERS ARISING**

**2023-71** The donation to Chailey Secondary School is understood to go towards 20 lights for music stands

**2024-03 SAFEGUARDING**

Revd Paul Mundy emphasised that all PCC members should complete basic and foundation safeguarding training by the next PCC meeting. Members of the Pastoral Team working with vulnerable people will need DBS checks. Revd Paul Mundy thanked Jane Von Der Becke for her safeguarding work. **All AGREED** that Father Martin’s Permission to Officiate should be provided by St Peters, Chailey.

**2024 -04 TREASURERS REPORT**

The Treasurer reported that the 10 people who had so far transitioned on to the Parish Giving Scheme showed a significant increase in giving. A reminder will be sent out and included in ‘News in the Pews’. The Gift Day was the launch of the Parish Giving Scheme and raised £1,106 on the day which was not attended by many people. He also reported that the mission grant for Children, Families and Young People had still not been received. The appeal for youth work had so far raised £1,695 and could be supplemented by the money raised on the Gift Day. The Pastoral Fund has raised an extra £3,163.70 with an expenditure of around £1,000 over Christmas.

**2024-05 FUND RAISING**

A jumble sale is planned for 24th February 2024 and also participation in the St George’s Day event on 27th April 2024. The ‘Two Soups and Music’ event will be moved to another time. Paul Corver will form a group to organise fund raising events. Revd Paul Mundy said that Jane Coleman could help with obtaining grants.

**2024- 06 FABRIC AND BUILDINGS**

Paul Corver reported that the temporary floor had had to be installed just before Christmas as the flooring had become potentially dangerous. The temporary flooring should last up to 18 months. The floor space has been examined and the report makes it clear that ventilation is an issue with laminated flooring. J. D. Clarke, the previous architect, will be contacted with the findings of the independent survey, what has been done and requiring compensation for the cost of the original work and the remedial work and requesting an early meeting. The current architect considers the only way forward is for a solid floor with boards on top and perhaps could include underfloor heating. Anthony Meadows reported that the defibrillator has now been installed outside the Reading Room and reiterated his view that the Church needed a defibrillator for use inside the Church. He also reported that the quotation for repairing the Church clock from Smith of Derby was the best received at £6,372 excluding VAT. A potential donation from Val Thwaites could be used to repair the clock and tower.

**2024-07 CHURCHYARDS**

Anthony Meadows reported that Neal Peskett had gift aided £1,852 as the cost of clearing the memorial garden at St Peter’s. There will be a spring working party for St Mary’s Churchyard on 16th March 2024.

**2024- 08 100 CLUB**

Prizes of £25 (Father Martin), £20 (Anthony Meadows) and £15 (Brenda Martin) along with the half yearly draw of £180 (Jo Appleby) were drawn.

**2024-09 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Flower Group – Liz Cullen is giving up co-ordinating the flower arrangement team. Brenda Martin has volunteered to take over co-ordination.

Citizens Advice – all time was taken up for the January session.

Chailey News – Chris Jones will be contacted after the funeral to ascertain what he wants to do in connection with Chailey News. There will be a need to increase advertising costs to cover the current short fall.

WhatsApp – there will be a PCC WhatsApp group.

Lunch Club – there will be a lunch for lunch club helpers.

Food donations – from the lunch club providers and perhaps from the post office.

Lent Lunches – will be organised and collected for Caring and Sharing.

Thank you – to all who helped over Christmas.

Succession planning – needed for PCC and Church roles.

Holocaust Memorial – Father Martin will be in Haywards Heath at 10.30 a.m. on 26th January 2024

Lent Course – devised by Father Martin will run from 22nd February 2024 at St Mary’s, Newick at 7.00 p.m. for pudding and from 7.30 p.m.

Rural Ministry – Revd Paul Mundy asked for prayer for a course running at St Mary’s, Newick for 6 Saturdays until September.

The meeting ended with prayer and grace at 8.57 p.m.