

Minutes of the PCC Meeting of St Nicholas PCC held on 6th December 2022 at 2.30pm at The Bailey, Castle Aspect, Grosmont.

Present: Revds Gaynor Burrett (Chair), Andrew Harter (Secretary), Mary Moore; Mssrs Mark Potter (Warden), Jenny Harter, Jane Moggridge, Mike Noakes, Allan Powles, David Walker.

Apologies: Jeremy Foster (Treasurer), Russell James

1 Welcome

The meeting opened at 14.35 with prayer.

2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Minutes of the PCC Meetings on the 8th November 2022 were accepted and signed as a true record. The quotation for Bell Tower electrics was accepted in principle, subject to an additional quotation for further small works for extra lighting.

3 Grosmont Charities

Roberts/Johnson charities David Walker raised a point concerning historic expenditure involving the original capital, rather than just the interest. After considerable debate, it was agreed that he should pursue this discussion with the Trustees of the charity, rather than the full PCC which simply holds any funds on behalf of the Trustees.

4 Sandy Ireson's will / Gartside's Solicitors

David Walker, as previously agreed, approached Gartside's for access to the property prior to its sale. After repeated requests and calls not returned when promised, he has still not been able to gain access at a suitable time. The disgraceful performance of Gartside's continues to be unacceptable and consideration was given to reporting them to the Solicitors Regulation Authority. Gaynor will also approach Clergy Widows to see if there is any means of transferring the executorship to another legal practice.

David Walker also approached estate agents, including Christies Residential and Foy Williams, both of whom had viewed the property and confirmed that it will need clearing before being offered for sale; both have fees set at 1% and would be keen to act. He also approached James Dean, who have not viewed the property but agreed a fee of 0.8%. He has spoken on a number of occasions with Julia at Ward & Co regarding possible sale of the property, and regarding sale of items and clearance, but has been unable to agree a date for access with Gartside's.

David Walker then left the meeting.

A date for the interment of Sandy's ashes will be set for a Saturday early in 2023.

5 Ministry Area Update

The North Monmouthshire Ministry Area Inauguration Service will be at 3.30pm on 15th January 2023 at Llantilio Crossenny.

The revised and agreed Resolution covering the transfer of fiscal responsibility for PCC assets was signed and will be submitted by Gaynor to Julian Gray for implementation. The other three Grosmont Group parishes have each appointed MA Representatives with Eric Evans at LLangattock Lingoed, Emma Robinson at Llanfair and Chris Mitchley at Skenfrith, but a Grosmont Representative is yet to be identified. It will be important for a suitable person, aged below 75 years, to be appointed if Grosmont is to have a voice on future decisions.

7 Ministry Matters

Christmas Services The card listing all relevant services was distributed among PCC members for onward distribution to households and the village shop.

Nativity Live Five volunteers have been agreed to lead the main functions as follows: Clare Perks will make arrangements for the personnel on the procession and tableau in the Nave, including their costumes and the provision of a pony (Russell James to source other animals); Mike Noakes has appointed traffic marshals, both for the roads and in the Nave (he has also checked with the police that their presence will not be required); Andrew Harter is in touch with Nicky & Jonny regarding music given by the Kitchen Singers, but further progress will need to follow the community event on December 9th; Gaynor Burrett will give the Christmas Story at the tableau in person rather than by audio-visual presentation; and Grosmont Events have agreed to manage catering.

It has been agreed that publicity regarding Nativity Live will be limited only to the immediate Grosmont locality to limit numbers.

GDPR Representative
appointed.

Jeremy Foster has kindly volunteered to fill the role and was

8 Treasurer's Report

Christmas Trees have been sourced by Russell James jointly for the Town Hall (a 14ft tree @£60), the Nave (a 12ft Tree @£60) and the porch (a 6ft Tree @£30).

9 Warden's Report

Mike Noakes was formally welcomed as Churchwarden.

Mark Potter reported that the heating oil tank has been filled prior to Christmas. He continues to keep an eye on the Post Office planning process, but there have been no changes. The sign regarding parking on the forecourt is in preparation.

The recent event for training new archery supervisors held in the Nave was successful, and Chrissie Farr has achieved her qualification

10 Health & Safety Report

Nothing new to report.

11 Safeguarding Report

Nothing new to report.

12 Any Other Business

Family Services It was agreed to review in the New Year the pattern of worship with a view to including non-Eucharistic family services.

Covid Service The idea of a service to be held for those who have suffered as a result of the Covid pandemic was raised.

Communications The website information is out of date. All information has been submitted, but has yet to be put up on the site. Gaynor Burrett will discuss this with Jude Rogers.

13 Close and Date, Time & Location of next meeting

Tuesday 10th January 2023, 2.30pm, at The Vestry.

The meeting closed with prayer for God's blessing on the formation and management of the new Ministry Area and for healing of relationships, and with the Grace at 4.25pm.