

PCC Digest May 2023

Following a request for additional PCC members at the APCM, Alan Armitage and Louise Forbes were co-opted to the Council for terms of three and two years respectively to fill the remaining vacancies.

The following officers were elected for 2023-24

PCC Secretary	Mark Jordan
PCC Minutes Secretary	Louise Forbes
PCC Treasurer	Mike Moss
Gift Aid Secretary	Mark Davies
Safeguarding Officer	Frances Vose
Disability Officer	Jo Baxter (non-PCC)
Vice Chair	Gemma Richards

After essential business approving Minutes and checking Action Logs there was a brief report on the restart of Welcome Spaces.

Continued support for the Shipley CAP Debt Centre was expressed following the news that Thomas Knight will be stepping down as Manager in August.

The Treasurer reported that whilst levels of giving were holding up, the cost of repairs and maintenance to the church and halls had not allowed us to pay as much parish share as we had hoped. A discussion followed on how we present this need to the congregation over the coming months.

A debate took place on how we progress the search for a new member of staff for Children's and Youth work following questions and comments at the APCM. A number of avenues for action are to be explored.

The Archdeacon of Bradford is to attend the next PCC meeting in June following the announcement of John's retirement.

A paper on the future of PCC donations to our mission partners by John Rainer and Gemma Richards, was adopted. This includes the renewal of an annual donation to the Shipley Debt Centre.

A substantial debate took place on our response to a recent Fire Risk Assessment. This is urgent and important in order to meet our legal obligations and to ensure that everyone using our buildings is safe. We need to make some changes (some quite expensive) to ensure that our fire procedures are up to date. A number of PCC members volunteered to train as fire marshals, and an Action Plan for the coming months drawn up by Mike Moss and Martin Forbes was adopted.