

PCC DIGEST July 2023

The PCC met on 14th June when the main business was to discuss pre-vacancy issues with the Archdeacon of Bradford. The Area Dean and Rev Brian Greenfield were in attendance. This meeting also endorsed changes to the list of Communion Assistants.

On 13th July following the approval of minutes from 15th May & 14th June, the meeting welcomed Andy Thorlby to discuss legal changes in the conditions for the Vodafone mast on the church tower. A motion was passed which formalises a new rental arrangement with the telecoms company.

The annual endorsement of the Diocesan Safeguarding Policy was completed.

Hugh Firman has offered to be our link with Shipley Christians Together (he is already a Trustee). The next event is to be a Prayer Walk across Shipley on 20th August.

Reports were received from the Deanery Synod and the Environment Group. We are very close to a silver award for our Environmental work which is a considerable achievement.

The Treasurer presented the financial statements up to June 30th. A fall in voluntary giving is a cause for concern, and work on our buildings is proving rather more expensive than expected, although there has been an encouraging response to the recent appeal to cover a £6,000 shortfall on the work to the Small Hall.

There was a discussion of a recently received proposal to address our continuing lack of a Children's and Youth Worker. This will involve formalising much of the work being offered voluntarily at present by Jessica Criddle and providing her with paid administrative support. A motion was passed to progress this arrangement for the start of the next academic year and to explore co-operation with St Paul's to cover the Youth work component.

A number of PCC members have now received Fire Marshall training, and this is to be followed up. Concern was expressed that the existing fire alarm is not working properly, and a repair is to be investigated by the Buildings and Land Group.

Building work is continuing to rectify a serious issue with damp in the Small Hall and to prepare several areas of the building for hire by HIVE during the week for the period when the Kirkgate Centre is closed.

The PCC will meet again on 18th July to agree the next stage of planning for the imminent incumbent vacancy. This will involve agreeing to suspend the benefice of St Peter's and starting to prepare a parish profile in readiness for a Section 11 meeting after John's departure.

The next Business Meeting will be on 6th September.