

Minutes of Meeting of the Parochial Church Council Monday 16th January, 2023 at 7.30 pm at Rydalmere with kind permission of Kay & Derek Old.

Present: Mr D. Old Lay-chairman, Mr C McCann, Treasurer, Mrs A. Newman, Secretary, Mrs K Old, Mrs C McCann, Mrs L Fraser Mrs C Doran, Mr P Closier
Apologies for absence: Mr C. Church, Ms J.Waker, Mrs H Sinkinson Mrs J Hill, Mrs M Freeland, Mrs A Church, Mr T Hill

<p>1. Minutes of the last Committee Meeting were approved and signed as a correct record by Derek Old, Lay- Chairman Proposed: KO Seconded: CM</p>	DO
<p>2. Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ride and Stride raised £240 - half will be returned to the Church - perhaps proceeds can form part of Fabric Fund - has the money been received yet? - <i>Chris will check in the bank account</i> • NATIONAL BURIAL GROUNDS SURVEY - application made • Numbers for the return Number people in worshipping community 0-10 = 1 , 11-17 = 0, 18-69 = 10, 70+ = 6 Number joined adults 18+ =0 , Children young people = 0 left adults 18+ =0 , Children young people = 0 Christmas day Holy communion figures - 34 adults- 13 children Fresh Expressions - Kids Service 	AN
<p>1. Churchwardens report</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on Benefice - possible vicar? - No news yet • Services pattern for the New Year - Change of Evensong to morning service - format? Time? 10.30 am for both morning services - second more family orientated?? - Possibly formats:- Holy Communion Service The Church of England - https://www.churchofengland.org/prayer-and-worship/worship-texts-and-resources/common-worship/holy-communion-service#mm7c <p>To purchase the latter would cost £3.50 a book (perhaps the PCC members might donate a copy of the book to reduce cost of 20 copies = £70) or we could print the service out in a booklet form and save money</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - See additional document attached to this email 	DO

- It was agreed that the 1st and 3rd service would both start at 10.30 am.
- The shortened version of 1662 Holy Communion in the booklet form be used at the at the 1st service - awaiting a printed copy from Jestyn Coke once the copy has been amended with King Charles
- Christmas Day - All Age Eucharist - paper booklets in the wardrobe in plastic bag
- 3rd service - not Holy Communion - try out different service formats until it is decided which we prefer - family style service - Family service (copies in cupboard), Jenny Knotwell-Sissons's Family Service - Jenny has these already printed

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2. Treasurers report

- Update on 'Give a Little' web site - able to join this to the 'A Church for You' Web site - people who no longer live in area sometimes wish to contribute to a church - fabric fund?? <https://givealittle.co/>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/resources/building-generous-church/enabling-giving/giving-mechanisms/online-giving>

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2021-02/Receiving%20Online%20Donations%20Feb%202021.pdf>

Christopher will investigate - Fridays meeting (20th January @ 12 noon with Anna Hardy - Giving Advisor might provide some pointers - all welcome

- The electric installation bill of £900 paid and the last payment for the share - £9,000 left and some savings
- Fabric Fund update

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The St Eustace Fabric Fund



In 2022 the St. Eustace PCC set up a 'fabric fund' to be used to solely to pay for the upkeep of the building.

- ~ This fund is separate from the church's main bank account and some of the money raised will go to the 'Share' (the annual sum sent to the deanery).
- ~ We'd love your help to raise money for important projects in 2023 - especially the restoration of the North Aisle overlooking the stunning Blackmore Vale.
- ~ Perhaps you're not particularly religious but you love St. Eustace for its atmospheric building and unique setting, maybe you have a family member who lived in Ibberton or who is buried in our graveyard. Whatever brings you to contribute to our Fabric Fund, we're very grateful.

How can you get involved?

- Please leave your donation in the offertory box marked 'Fabric Fund', using the Gift Aid envelopes below.
- If you'd like to know more, contact Alice Church (07506511478) or XXX.

Possible flier Alice created - how do we use this?

Details of works necessary in the church?
Newsletter?

Where is the Church?

Can you help to restore St. Eustace Church, Ibberton so it remains for another 643 years

All agreed that a leaflet would be useful to launch the fund for stability project - we will have more of an idea following Fridays meeting - details below



To: Anna Hardy Anna.Hardy@salisbury.anglican.org

Subject: Re: Hello from the Giving Advisor

Dear Annette

It's a date! Friday 20th January @ 12 noon - all welcome

Your plan sounds perfect, I'd love to visit the church and then go for a drink and a chat.

I'm really happy to help - I think big capital appeals are a great way of engaging the local community, and also an opportunity for grant fundraising.

Not teaching you to suck eggs of course! It will be good to hear about your ideas, and we can put a plan in place.

In preparation - I see you are already part of Parish Giving Scheme. I wonder if you have thought about setting up an 'Additional Fund' which you can restrict to fabric, which makes it easier to ask the local non-worshipping community to give regularly. It also avoids the need to set up a separate Friends Of charity (or if you have a Friends of already, you can use PGS to secure Direct Debits online).

Attached is a leaflet which is an example - the ask is for general funds rather than a capital appeal, but it is easily adapted.

The PGS form for Additional Fund is also attached in case you want to consider it.

See you in the new year - but ask me anything in the meantime!

Best wishes Anna (see attached for publications sent to support this item)

3. Possibly installation of a composting toilet

- <https://trobolo.com/gb/products/kersaboem-composter/> - increase the possibilities for use of the Church - mediation, yoga, Pilates, mental health, music events, singing, etc. - expand uses of the church (potential for additional income from hirers?) £ 1.620,00 excl. VAT / incl. delivery
- Location of water? Cost?

- *All agreed that these would be good ideas but the additional cost at this time is prohibitive, especially the water installation*

4. Quinquennial Inspection

- **5.3. Structurally, the church has been subject to movement in the past and whilst a number of the walls lean, my concerns relate primarily to the north aisle where there is ongoing movement. The advice of a structural engineer now promptly needs to be sought as the church has some serious structural issues that need to be addressed. - STRUCTURAL ENGINEER REPORT NEEDED**
- **5.4. The leading and glass condition is good but the ferramenta condition is poor and the ironwork is causing damage to the stonework in which it is**

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embedded. Ultimately these bars need to be carefully opened up, treated, possibly re-tipped, painted and then carefully repaired. The ferramenta is a rare survivor which significantly enhances the character of the building. - NEEDS CONSIDERATION

- 5.5. The condition of the tower is mostly good but two small patch repairs are required to the tower roof. To the tower stonework, some areas are quite eroded and repointing of open joints and stringcourses along with some stone repair/replacement is encouraged. Repairs are required to a small number of the stair treads. - NEEDS CONSIDERATION
- 5.6. Internally, the decorative failings are primarily caused by cement pointing externally. Plaster repairs and redecoration is encouraged but the repointing of the walls outside needs to take place first and structural issues have to be resolved. - NEEDS CONSIDERATION ESPECIALLY MONUMENT CRACKING PROBABLY CAUSED BY A DECAYING IRON CRAMP. - asked Structural engineer

Bold statements - Structural engineer visited on 1/2/22 - returned on 3/12/22 with builder to discuss options.

Observations

The north-west corner of the north aisle has settled over time and combined with some roof spread has caused the north wall to rotate outwards. The window reveal on the west side of the n-west window has dropped leaving a 20mm gap between the window and the reveal. This has been filled with putty but you can still see daylight (5mm). There is cracking that steps up and around the inside of the window head into the west gable, this cracking is mirrored externally and has been filled with cement mortar.

The north-west nave window mullion has partially blown away revealing the corroded saddle bar ends.

Conclusions

The rotation of the north aisle wall has most probably been caused by historical roof spread; this is due to the lack of ties in the existing roof structure.

The settlement of the north-west corner has exacerbated the rotation of the wall, the cause of the settlement may be due to a potential failure of the rainwater downpipe softening the underlying green sand (TBC) sub soils.

Recommendations

I would advise that you consider the following remedial measures based on the above findings.

- Excavate a trial hole at the north-west corner to establish depth and nature of sub-soils below existing wall, also confirm if the base of rainwater downpipe is fractured/blocked. - *can be undertaken straight away once the registrar has been informed £200 ish pounds? February undertaken by Structural Engineer (Derek)*
- Install a new reinforced concrete buttress clad using Hamstone with stepped copings (ref attached sketch). The north-west corner may require underpinning depending on the results of trial hole excavation. - *to be decided*
- Install 20mm diameter mild steel tie rods across existing nave truss (ref sketch plan) and north aisle and fix extended 12mm thick anchor plates externally in accordance conservation approval. - *a good idea to stabilise the roof and arches*
- Install 100x6mm mild steel flat across west gable internally fixed back through existing wall into RC buttress using 3no. M12 threaded rods and anchored each end with 20mm diameter bars and anchor plates (one externally and one against nave wall. - *a good idea to stabilise the roof and arches*
- Remove glazing/saddle bars on nave window and re-tip saddle bars with stainless steel before reinstalling with new copper wire. - *very necessary*
- Remove glazing on north aisle window and refit with new lead trimming to fill gap. - *depends on works necessary after test pit*
- The north chapel arch requires slating and re-pointing with traditional lime mortar - *necessary because the arch is spreading*
- All external cracking should be re-pointed using a traditional lime mortar mix (Chardstock Sand (CWS1) and a St Astier NHL 3.5 hydraulic lime (mix 1 lime: 2.5 sand).
- To the monument to Reverend Richard Daubeney on the south wall of the chancel there is a crack along the lower edge of the monument and this suggests the decay of an iron fixing that supports the monument. Advice from a stone conservator should be sought. - *monument will fall off the wall*
- At high level on the west wall of the north aisle there is a coat of arms supported on a pair of steel nails. One section of the frame is slightly loose and there are bat urine staining on the painted surface. Specialist paint conservation and cleaning could be considered. - *monument will fall off the wall.*

Faculty required we can then approach possible grant bodies. Total works £50,000 plus vat??

- The Ven Penny Sayer (Archdeacon) has a small pot of money to help Parishes in emergencies when unexpected projects occur and they have insufficient funds.

We will apply for some funds

Expenses so far -

Following our meeting on the 9th January 2023, I have attached a copy of the 2 proposed trial hole positions with descriptions for the works and approximate depths required. The costs to complete these 2 holes and another shallower hole on the west gable wall to expose the depth of the existing wall will be £660 + vat.

The purpose of the holes as discussed is to establish the nature of the sub-strata under the north aisle wall and particularly at the north-west corner where settlement has occurred.

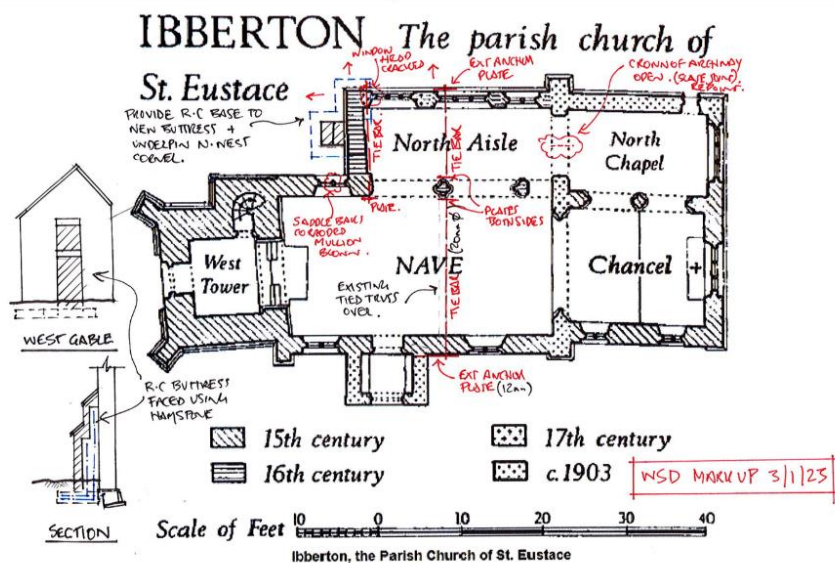
My fees for the report and the meeting so far will be £375 + vat.

Does the PCC agree with these proposals?

All agreed but very concerned how much this is going to cost - we have little income and reserves - going to need a lot of fund raising and community awareness.

The project will proceed slowly so that each stage can be monitored as to its effect on stabilising the building

Proposed by CD, Seconded CM



Services for Year 2023

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- Mothering Sunday - 19th March - Service at Ibberton - provide flowers for mothers
- Easter - 9th April - No service normally but because it's Easter Day there will be a service
- Harvest Sunday 15th October - Family Service
- Remembrance Day - Sunday 12th November Benefice Service
- Christmas - Monday 25th December - Saturday 16th December Carols by Candlelight - more family involvement and fewer carols
- Benefice Service - Perhaps 30th April
- Children's Easter, Harvest & Christmas - Mothering Sunday services - Linked with 3rd Sunday Family Service

Designated Collections

- April - Mosaic Trust - for the Church
- Lent Lunch - women's refuge **Wednesday 15th March 12 noon** - Belchalwell may partner with Ibberton - soup/bread etc
- Harvest - Weldmar Hospice Care Trust - for the Church
- Carols by Candlelight - Air Ambulance
- Carol Singing - Friends of Blandford Hospital
- Christmas Day - Church

Do we wish to halt some or all of these collections? *Some have been halted*

Should all collections go towards the fabric fund? *To be decided*

Accounts & Financial Statement

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- Statistics for Mission - Electoral Roll and Easter attendance by 21 March 2023 - **completed by the end of the week**
- Return of Parish Finance 31 July 2023

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- 1) Before 21 March - review accounts and financial report - prepare statistics for mission - APCC AGM - to complete after **22nd March and before 31st March**

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Lead up to APCC AGM

Dates:

1. Notice displayed of the intention to revise new church roll 14 days before revision begins, **Saturday 22nd April**

2. Revision Completed not less than 15 days and not more than 28 days before the APCM and Churchwardens meeting) **Saturday 6th May**
3. Revised Roll displayed in church for checking by church members for not less than 14 days before the APCM **Sunday 7th May**
4. Notice of APCM displayed in church for 2 Sundays before APCM **Monday 1st May**
5. Notice of Parishioners' Meeting to elect the church wardens displayed in church including 2 Sundays before the APCM **Monday 1st May**
6. Audited PCC accounts for previous year to 31 Dec signed and displayed in the church - at least 7 days before the APCM **Monday 15th May**
7. Written nominations for candidates for church wardens before the meeting **Monday 15th May**
8. Nominations for election of lay members of PCC (Deanery Synod every 3 years at meeting or before in writing) **Monday 15th May**
9. APCM must be held no later than 31 May **Monday 22nd May**

2) **Annual Parochial Church Meeting - followed by new PCC meeting - before 31st May Monday 22nd May**

10. Fund raising

- Flower arranging afternoon/evening - perhaps to produce flowers for mothering Sunday 17th/18th March? Piers will check with Lucy
- Quiz night - **Saturday 25th March** food/bar
- Fund raising 2023? Coronation 6th May 2023? *Village Event to be arranged*
- Hillside Parishes Fete **Saturday 5th August, 2023** *Yes & insurance cover arranged no extra cost*
- Safari Supper **Saturday 16th September** *Fiona Closier will help with arrangements*
- Halloween Party Fun **Saturday 28th October** - *Church Insurance will cover bonfire / fireworks etc. no extra cost*
- Calendar - Church / Ibberton throughout the year - *Michael Newman will take photographs of the Church throughout the year to create a calendar / Christmas cards / notelets - will seek prices Newsletter?*

Ideas for another year

- Wedding / concert ideas - *not at the moment*
- Tennis tournament - *not this year*

- Bridge afternoon - *not this year*

Ideas from Lucy Closier

- Fundraising Ideas for the fabric fund which I am happy to organise: Coffee Morning, Pizza Night, Tack Sale, Just Giving page? - Not something I have done before but people seem to support them and an Auction night with cheese and wine or just a virtual auction.
- Snail Racing night as a big fundraising evening - We get sponsors for the races and can even have people sponsor a snail. Someone runs a bookies to take bets, we supply food and people pay for their tickets. We always did these as good fundraisers in our local cricket club and it's about £140 for the video which you cover by having race sponsors and snail sponsors. We used to get pasties from Ginsters (by the box load) for the food. You can also have a bar for drinks and make money off the back of that.
- [Demo Races For Race Night From Fundeo](#) check out number 3 so you can see what it's like *Keep ideas for another year*

11. Spring Cleaning the Church - polishing the chairs etc - possible date? - *leave this until stabilising work has been decided*

12. Any Other Business

- Moss - path very slippery - will be treated once we have dry weather

13. Date of next Monday 15th May @ Rydlemere 7.30pm unless a meeting is required before

All planning for events to be fed back to secretary to circulate to PCC

Just received the Energy Footprint online document to complete - requested information from Christopher