

**Minutes of ST. Mary's Lasham  
PCC held at Wingfield  
on Tuesday 18th<sup>th</sup> January 2022 @ 7.30 p.m.**

Present: Maurice Goor (Chair)  
Antonia Goor  
Michael Del Mar  
Frances Parris  
Cate Baynton

1. The meeting was opened with prayer
2. Apologies: Stuart McCandlish
3. Minutes of the last meeting: The minutes of the meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> October were approved unanimously.
4. Matters arising
  - Large print hymn and prayer books are now available in church.
  - Raised beds – no volunteer has been found to manage these. Currently, they do not require much maintenance, but the PCC will need to review the situation over the spring and summer months.
  - John Jervoise has put in a planning application so remedial work can be carried out on the oak tree on the green.

5. Reports

Churchwarden's report: The Churchwarden's Report was sent to the PCC ahead of the meeting:

- Andrew Micklefied and his team at PoTR were thanked for their continued support. Andrew's presentation in church on the proposed changes to the benefice was well received. BLMS now need to meet and discuss how they wish to move forward, and present their ideas to the diocese. **Action: Michael**
- Ingrid and Peter Owen-Jones' help in leading our worship is also much appreciated. It was agreed that they should be given a voucher for dinner at the Royal Oak as a 'thank you' from the PCC. **Action: Maurice**
- There are several new people in the village who have expressed an interest in supporting the church; this is positive, and should be followed up as soon as possible. At the same time, a number of villagers have stated that they wish to join the PCC. Even though it is a time of transition, it was agreed that more people should be encouraged to join the team to assist with these changes. **Action: PCC**
- The PCC were reminded that the coffee mornings held each month are a village event and the PCC should not be involved in the organisation.

- We need to look into replace the music machine at the back of the church. The best way forward may be the use of a blue tooth speaker and mobile phone. **Action: Maurice**

Treasurer's report: The financial reports were sent to the PCC ahead of the meeting

- Due to a combination of events, the income for Lasham Church is better than anticipated. However, it should be noted that in October 2021 the PCC decide to reduce Lasham's contribution to the Common Mission Fund from the 2022 request of £1,232 pm to £924 pm for the first quarter of 2022. The PCC now have to make a decision as to whether this will be increased to £1,232 for the next quarter, as requested by the Diocese. It was agreed that Michael should speak to Bentworth and Shalden PCCs to find out what they will be doing, and to see if we can reach some form or consensus as to the next step. **Action: Michael.**
- Friends Fund: Bentworth, Lasham and Shalden (BLS) PCCs are investigating the possibility of setting up a Friends' Fund to help maintain the church. Such funds would be totally separate to church funds with different trustees and aims. It is hoped it will encourage the involvement of those who may not have any particular religious leaning. **Action Michael and Stuart**

#### 6. Re-ordering of the church

- Nick-Carey Thomas has not been available to look at the church and produce a plan for an interior pod. Once Nick-Carey Thomas has given some ideas and costings the PCC can consider how to move the re-ordering project forward. **Action: Frances**
- Andrew Micklefield should be kept informed of our progress, as he has been through this with other churches so may have some useful suggestions and contacts.

#### 7. AOB

France outlined a number of fundraising ideas to support the re-ordering of the church and to bring the village together.

- A tallest sunflower competition – packets to be sold at £5 at time and people should be encouraged to plant the flowers where they can be seen and enjoyed by others.
- A scarecrow competition to celebrate the platinum jubilee.
- By popular demand - notelets to be created from the photograph Frances took of the sheep walking past the church. These can be sold in church. **Action Frances**

8. Date of APCM: it was agreed this should be held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2022 in church. Cate to send out an APCM timetable: **Action Cate**

9. Closing prayer – the meeting was closed with prayer.