

PARISH OF ST MARY, SHACKLEFORD and ST NICHOLAS, PEPPER HAROW

MINUTES OF PCC MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th June 2019 at 8pm in Shackleford

The Rector in the chair.

Apologies from two members.

1. **Opened with a Prayer.**
2. **Safeguarding:** It was duly proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed/resolved on a show of hands that the Parish Policy Safeguarding Statement which had been circulated in advance of the meeting be adopted and signed by the Secretary. It will be filed with the Diocese and copies will be displayed on the St M and St NPH notice boards
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th April:** These had been circulated in advance and points arising are dealt with elsewhere in these minutes. It was duly proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed/resolved on a show of hands that these (as circulated with the exception that item 4(d) be amended to read 'The PCC came to the painful conclusion that St Mary's Church should be closed for worship, but with a resolution *proposed* to such effect be deferred to the June meeting.) be approved, and be put onto the Benefice website.
4. **Minutes of Annual Meeting/Annual Parochial Church Meeting.** These had been circulated in advance and points arising are dealt with elsewhere in these minutes. It was duly proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed/resolved on a show of hands that these be approved.
5. **Election of Secretary and Treasurer for the Current Year.** It was duly proposed and seconded and unanimously agreed/resolved on a show of hands that Christopher Bell and Giles Tucker continue in their respective roles as Secretary and Treasurer for the current year.
6. **Treasurer's Report:** No points to report.
7. **Archdeacon's 27th April 2019 letter (copy attached to these minutes for internal purposes but not for website):** This had been circulated in advance and the conclusion reached was that no progress on the closure of St Mary's for Worship would be entertained by the Diocese without a mission or pastoral strategy for the parish (see paragraph 4 of the letter) being explored. As a first step in this process the Rector circulated a list of words (attached) and those attending circled ten words that 'speak of your feelings about Church and crossed through five that really don't. Those attending agreed to ask a neighbour to do the same. [PLEASE SEE SEPARATE LIST 'PARA 7 WORDS' FOR THE LIST]
8. **Insurance requirements:** It was duly proposed and seconded and then unanimously/resolved on a show of hands that for St NPH certificates for electrical compliance and lightning conductor compliance be obtained, at a cost of circa £500.
9. **Deanery Synod:** Our Deanery Synod Representative reported on the installation of Rev Simon Taylor, Rector of Busbridge & Hambledon as the new Area Dean – evangelical and spontaneous with excitement! Members are to visit other churches in the Diocese to find out about their approaches to worship. The next Deanery #synod Meeting is on Wednesday 17th July
10. **Feedback on past events:** Presentation of the St Mary's Record on 12th May – well attended and the record is now kept in the St M safe; Rogation Sunday service (19th May) quite well attended but NO CHILDREN – should we be thinking about having next year's service at Lydling? – Churches Together in Godalming breakfast (14th May) at St NPH was well attended and thanks given for the excellent breakfast provided.
11. **Future Events:** The only event on the horizon is the Lammas Day celebration at St NPH – arrangements in hand
12. **St M's churchyard maintenance:** Neighbour has offered to pay for churchyard maintenance and this continues to be explored. (Post Meeting Note: neighbour now has this in hand.)

- 13. St M trees alongside Elstead/Shackleford road:** Matter deferred.
- 14. Use of St M for filming by Elam Ministries:** Currently ongoing.
- 15. St M leaking roof above font:** The Rector to speak to Fabric adviser about this.
- 16. Payments by card reader:** The Treasurer will investigate the cost of such a reader, which it was generally agreed could well be useful particularly for people attending weddings and other special services.
- 17. St NPH alarm:** Fabric adviser has this very much in hand.
- 18. Departure of the Rector:** This had been announced on 19th May and reported in the June edition of the Parish Magazine (see attached). Revd Julian Hubbard had met with churchwardens to discuss next steps and the two Benefice PCCs are to meet for a further discussion.
- 19. Closing:** With the Grace.
- 20. Date of Next Meeting:** Wednesday 14th August at St NPH.

Signed by Caroline Burnett at PCC meeting on 14th August 2019