

Minutes PCC Meeting Monday 14th February 2022

10-30am Pam and Alwyn's house.

Present: Fr Alan, Pam, Alwyn, Terri, Tony, Richard, Margie, Eileen, Brian.

Fr Alan said a prayer for the meeting.

1. Adoption of new Chairman. Pam proposed Fr Alan as Chairman and Tony seconded. Passed unanimously.
2. Chairman. Fr Alan welcomed new members Brian Firth and Eileen Margison and Richard Gall. Alwyn proposed the three be co-opted on to the Committee, Pam seconded and this was passed unanimously. There were to have been some 'observers' present at this meeting who had indicated that they would attend the meeting before deciding whether to join the Committee but one person was ill and another did not attend. This covers items 2, 3 and 4 on the Agenda.
3. See item 2
4. See item 2
5. Apologies: Gavin Sunshine.
6. Confirmation of last minutes. All members agreed the last minutes and they were duly confirmed as correct and signed.
7. Matters Arising. Pam explained that donations received from various collections had raised 250 Euros and this was to be donated to the Bishop's Appeal as previously agreed. La Mata: The damp problems have returned and the Management Company said it would be better to be left until the property is empty to do the works required.

8. Chaplaincy Website: Darren had asked the PCC whether they wanted to continue with the current website operating system. Margie proposed that the current system be retained and Pam seconded, carried unanimously. He further asked whether the PCC would consider continuing with the current three Facebook pages or make this into one page. There was a discussion and it was suggested that the Website pages are a central place for people to look at whereas the Facebook pages have a character and flavour of their own and reflect the goings on at each individual Church. Margie proposed we keep three FB pages and Alwyn seconded, carried unanimously. Eileen mentioned that she had tried to put photos and a write up on the website but had not been able to as posts have to be authorised. It was discussed and decided that Terri contact Darren about the possibility of making Eileen an Admin to enable her to post in future. Terri would also make Eileen a Facebook Admin.
9. AGM. Fr Alan said we again have a leeway on timing this year and suggested Monday 30th May for our AGM. This would be at Miraflores at 12 noon with an optional lunch to follow. Pam proposed this and Alwyn seconded. This information needs to be posted on the Church Notice Boards (Pam), The Owl (Alwyn), Website (Darren) and Facebook Pages (Margie and Terri), at least three weeks before the meeting.

10. Electoral Roll Numbers. Alwyn explained that these numbers affect our payment to the Diocese. We currently have 89 on the roll but quite a number of those no longer attend Church. He asked whether the Council could consider removing people from the roll. Fr Alan said this can only be done every three years and further added that the C of E says that taking Communion three intercessionstimes a year qualifies someone to be on the roll. Alwyn said that the Common Fund is based on Electoral Roll numbers and equates to £100 per person. Following a discussion where it was suggested that if it was put to people that we had to pay £100 for them to be on the roll when the only real benefit to them was the ability to vote at the AGM, then a number of people may readily agree to come off the roll. It was decided that Alwyn would put a notice in the Owl to that effect.
11. PCC Minutes for Website and Churches. Terri said that historically we never published the full PCC minutes then we published an abbreviated version. However as the full minutes are now on the website, once they have been agreed and signed by the PCC, could the same thing be done with the Church Notice Boards as it would save having to abbreviate the minutes. A discussion followed pointing out confidential items and naming names but the PCC agreed that it would be good for the minutes to be published in full on the Church notice boards and the Website. Alwyn proposed and Tony seconded, carried unanimously. Alwyn will put a notice in the Owl to that effect.

12. Aljambra. The Church will be re-opening on Thursday 24th February. Janet has asked the PCC to attend and several members indicated that they would attend. Pam then proposed doing a bigger Service on Aljambra's second service on 10th March as there would be more time to advertise this in the other Churches. Pam and Alwyn will speak to Janet.
13. Insurance. Pam explained that the extra insurance we took out last year which covers us for events taking place not on Church Premises is due for renewal and did the PCC wish to do this at a cost of 271 euros. Fr Alan pointed out that as we do not have a Church Hall then we have no choice as these days we really must be insured. Margie proposed and Alwyn seconded that we renew the insurance, carried unanimously.
14. Missions. Pam said that sometimes fundraising events are done to raise money for our Missions. She asked whether we could do this in future for local appeals. A discussion ensued when it was said that people may be more generous if it was for a local cause. Pam proposed and Maggie seconded the motion which was carried unanimously.
15. Finance. Pam handed out the end of year accounting figures compiled by our Bookkeeper Ian Moir. Fr Alan thanked Ian and Pam for their work. The PCC will look at the figures and accept at the next meeting, prior to AGM.
16. Safeguarding - Nothing to report.

17. AOB

- Sunday Lunches. Terri explained that a Mojacar Parishioner had asked that the PCC reinstate Sunday Lunches after Church, (Terri understanding that this was not a PCC decision). A discussion ensued and the PCC confirmed to Terri that this was not a PCC matter and asked Terri to Convey to the Parishioner that anyone can arrange a lunch after Church on a Sunday and can let others know by putting a notice on the Church Notice Boards and a Notice in the Owl (Via Alwyn).
- The PCC would like Reps from Aljambra and Llanos on the PCC Committee and invite anyone to attend a meeting as an observer if they wish to see how the meetings run.
- Tony brought up the Bishop's Peru Appeal saying that it is a very worthy cause.
- Alwyn asked that anything for the OWL needed to be emailed to him and not given verbally please.
- One new member of the PCC, Brian Firth, needs to do the basic Safeguarding. DARREN to arrange please.
- Pam asked whether we are going to do Lent Lunches this year and the general consensus was yes. Pam and Margie will liaise.
- Offertory / Communion by Extension / Chalice. Fr Alan and Terri had attended Churches in England between August and January and both had experienced normal, traditional taking of Communion - going up to the Altar to receive bread and to drink from the shared cup (Chalice). A discussion ensued about going back to how we were and using the Chalice during Communion, understanding that some people would be reticent. It had been suggested by a parishioner that individual glasses be used in place of the Chalice.

Fr Alan said he had only recently discovered the origin of the use of these individual glasses and he explained that it originated in the Southern States of America when people were unhappy about sharing with the Black Community. As time has gone by it is regarded as a more sanitary way of taking Communion but individual cups are not allowed in the CofE. Tony read out an article that said the House of Bishops will not rule on their use as each Diocese is different. Fr Alan further explained that through the centuries it has been proved that shared use of the Chalice is not the cause of the spread of infection. Silver also has properties which prevent infection or bacteria from being transferred. Covid has made us hyper sensitive and if people do not want to share the Chalice, that is fine and they have that choice but the Church wants to get back to normal as we learn to live with Covid. It is also well to remember that we say the words 'we all share in one cup' at every service and as Fr Alan pointed out - Jesus used a common cup. The PCC decided that we would bring back the use of the Chalice, go to the Altar for Communion and that the Offertory collection would return to normal. Margie proposed this and Pam seconded and it was carried unanimously. This will commence in all Churches from the first Sunday in March. The PCC will write to the Bishop advising our decision to reinstate a shared cup and receiving Communion at the Altar and to revert to a normal collection of the Offertory. All this being in line with with the general relaxing of restrictions in Spain.

- Easter Day Services. Alan suggested that on Easter Sunday we move Services so he can be at both Churches. The service in Mojacar will be at 10am and the service in Llanos at 11-30. The PCC agreed.

- Fr Alan explained that Communion by Extension is discouraged by Bishops but occasionally if it is several weeks since a Church has received Communion, he may authorise it but not as a general rule.
18. Date and Time of Next meeting. It was decided to co-incide our next PCC meeting with the meeting requested by the Archdeacon with the PCC on Friday 4th March. We will meet at 11am at Pam and Alwyn's to cover PCC essential business and the Archdeacon's meeting will commence at 11-30. Agenda items will therefore be kept to a minimum. Pam suggested that as we are not sure how long the Archdeacon's meeting will take that perhaps we could all bring a plate donation for a bring and share lunch.