

Hughenden Parochial Church Council

Minutes of Extra Meeting - Tuesday 10th October 2023 at 7.30pm in Church House

Present:

Clergy: Helen Peters

Churchwardens: Frank Hawkins

Elected: Andrew Cole; Arthur Johnson; Janet Booth; Mike Hill

Apologies:

Keith Johnson; Ben Sharp; Brian Morley; Anthony Rippon; Clare Godfrey;
Mark Sherrington; David Tester

Frank opened the meeting in prayer

1. Approval of Application form for Diocesan grant for youth and Families Minister

Frank explained how the document prepared by Helen, Gwen, Frank and Lucy Rippon was used to fill in the Tier 2 Application to the Development fund. See attached form **

Frank also incorporated comments received from Ben and Keith after our last PCC.

Frank has been in discussion with James Wood (Diocesan discipleship Enabler) and Tim Barnett from HR in the Diocese, part of the process that needs to happen before the application is presented. Both have been encouraging and helpful in their feedback – although Tim's response (see attached**) has some inaccuracies in it.

Frank proposed that we, the PCC, proceed in line with the cost structures in the documents to date. And that the PCC give the standing Committee authority to adjust the final document where necessary before submitting.

Janet Booth seconded the proposal and all were in favour including proxy votes received before the meeting.

Arthur highlighted the importance of prayer for this whole process. Helen to update prayer ministry team to where we are on the application front. Service leaders to update the congregation on where we are at also and ask them to remember the process in their prayers.

Next stage to write Job Description and specification – Helen to advance this with Gwen, Lucy and including Ben who worked on previous document.

Youth/Children's Ministry Event 4th November 2023, 9.30 am - 2.00 pm at Holy Trinity Hazelmere. Frank promoted this event. Helen to invite current children's leaders to attend with her.

2. Fall of plaster from Church Ceiling

Last Sunday morning a significant piece of plaster fell from the ceiling above worship group area and landed on Andrew Collard's head, before the service. Members of the worship group were concerned for Andrew, who appeared to be ok in the circumstance.

The PCC are taking this event very seriously and have sought professional advice regarding the church and safety/accessibility. The area immediately under falling plaster is currently cordoned off. A surveyor is visiting site with Frank and Arthur first thing tomorrow morning to advise. Stephen Crawley FRICS of Evans & Crawley Chartered Building Surveyors. Stehpen worked with us on our Bell tower project so knows the church and is trusted.

Helen will follow up with a call to Andrew, and card from PCC expressing our concern and letting him know we are taking this seriously.

Rev Helen Peters
October 2023