

St Andrew's Church, Sandon
PCC Minutes
26th February 2024 at 7.30pm
in the St Andrew's Room



The Church of England
in Essex and East London
Diocese of Chelmsford

Opening prayers were led by Judy Cecil

1. Present: Terry Brown (chairman), Andy Horne, Cathie Horne, Christine Mennie, Janet Terry, Alison Read, Liz Bobeldijk, Judy Cecil, Nick Bobeldijk and Cedric Calmeyer, James Colbeck (Both the latter from Sandon Parish Council)
Apologies for Absence: David Farrar, John Gruby, Colin Bryan, Richard Cecil
2. Minutes of PCC Meeting of 15th January 2024 were proposed by Andy Horne, seconded by Christine Mennie and agreed by all.
3. Matters arising: Terry Brown will call a meeting of Eucharistic ministers for review/training and there will be a ceremony to commission Andy and re-commission others. **ACTION Terry**
4. Notification of any other business: Meeting Bishop – see below.
5. Parish Council matters (Cedric Calmeyer & James Colbeck). The new church Open Sign is in place. Cedric was thanked for this. A Parish Council grant of £1000 to the Friends has been agreed for church roof repairs. Friends will fund any excess costs, so we are ready to go with the work. The City Council Heritage Open Day is in September. Agreed the church will participate on a date/weekend between 6th and 15th September. We should print more Church Leaflets before then. Judy to contact. Warehouses are proposed near A12/A130 junction. There are public meetings on 7th and 12th March at 7.30pm at Howe Green Chapel to discuss implications. Objections can be recorded on the City Council website. Link <https://publicaccess.chelmsford.gov.uk/onlineapplications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=S55FEABRFV200>. Cedric has now stepped down as Parish Council rep and was thanked for his contributions. James is back. He was warmly welcomed.
6. APCM preparation:
 - a. General admin: Notices for APCM were signed and Judy will put them on the main church door. Noted that Janet Terry and Liz Bobeldijk complete their 3 years on the PCC this year. They will stand again. There are 2 more spaces.
 - b. Annual Finance Report/Financial Statement was presented by Nick Bobeldijk. Cathie Horne proposed, Liz Bobeldijk seconded and all agreed. Authority for standing orders for 2024 was proposed by Alison Read, seconded by Andy Horne and agreed by all. Agreed we continue to support Marsabit and Christian Aid for 2024 and invite suggestions for 2025.

Tap'n'go device: Nick has applied to the Diocese for a free machine, we hear in March. If not successful, then agreed we buy one quickly.

- c. Annual Report was presented by Richard and Andy. Christine Mennie proposed, Cathie Horne seconded and agreed by all.
 - d. Annual Fabric Report was presented by Richard and Andy. Proposed by Christine Mennie, seconded by Cathie Horne and agreed by all.
 - e. Annual Safeguarding Report (Alison) Judy will resend her the 2023 version.
 - f. Annual Deanery Report and Annual Compass Churches Report will be ready for APCM. Judy will request reports from church and affiliated groups.
7. Friends of Sandon church met with members of the PCC. A good discussion and agreed not to pursue a joint 5-year vision at present. The PCC can continue to suggest ideas for the Friends to consider contributing funds to. The Friends can continue to run a few events each year and suggest projects to the PCC for their consideration and/or look at funding requests from the PCC.
Friends were looking for 5-year plan to encourage fundraising and membership. Agreed we request from the Friends: money for lighting (costed around £220) and tower door curtain (to be costed). Proposed by Janet Terry and seconded by Liz Bobeldijk. **ACTION Andy**
8. Plans for Terry's final months in Sandon:
Service 3pm on Sunday 2nd June + party in Village Hall – booked.
Easter children's workshop 2nd April 2pm – 4pm. Volunteers needed,
Team for Maundy Thursday Passover meal 7pm David Farrar, Judy Cecil
Meeting - TBA **ACTION Terry, David, Judy**
9. Plans for June 2024 onwards: Richard and Andy have arranged to meet Bishop Adam and Archdeacon Jonathan on Tuesday 5th March 6.30pm in SAR. PCC members were encouraged to come along. **ACTION All**
10. Eco church meeting tomorrow Tuesday 27th Feb 3pm SAR. All welcome.
11. Church fete meeting made plans – 29th June 12-3. Raffle and stalls as before, Dog show, BBQ, tea/coffee & biscuits outside. Next meet Wednesday April 17th 4pm
12. Future PCC Meeting Dates (7:30 pm) in church
Annual Meetings 14th April 11.30am
Monday 22nd April, Monday 10th June
13. Any Other Business
Offers to lead prayers to begin and end next PCC meeting. Richard to open, Janet to close.
14. Closing prayers were led by Terry.