

Minutes of the 8th Meeting of the AVC PCC Monday July 4th 2022 7.0pm in St.Mary's Church Hall
Serving the Parish of Fordingbridge and Hyde and Breamore and Hale and Woodgreen

This PCC exists to work together joyfully in step with God's Spirit to fulfil his mission in this place, at this time.

Present:

Rev'd Tom Burden (Temporary Chair)	See Items 3 and 4 of these minutes.	
Mary Melbourne Vice Chair		
Nigel Spratt Temporary Secretary		
Heather Clark	Julian Simms	Jane Cant
Jo Criscenti (Heath)	Beverly Judd	Ian Newman
Rev'd Kate Wilson	John Dowsett	Ruth Crosland
Lynette Stanford		
Apologies for Absence	Martin Ings	Andy Finch

No declarations of conflict of interest have been received or were declared

		Action
2022-07-01	Welcome and prayer led by Rev'd Tom	
2022-07-02	Apologies for Absence - see above	
2022-07-03	Election of Chair and Vice Chair: Chair – Rev'd Tom Burden has agreed to chair during the vacancy but permission to do this has to be obtained from the Bishop. Ian Newman undertook write to her. Vice Chair- Agreed to share this post among the wardens in alphabetical order of the parishes. This meeting – Breamore – Mary Melbourne	Ian Newman
2022-07-04	Election of Secretary: Nigel Spratt and Ian Newman have volunteered to take on this task until a better solution can be found. Zoe Goddard has been approached and is considering her reply. Nigel agreed to take note of the time it takes to prepare an agenda and take and write the minutes to give an idea of how much it involves	Nigel Spratt
2022-07-05	1. Minutes of the meeting held on May 3rd a. Accuracy- approved unanimously as a true record on a proposition from Ian Newman, seconded by Beverly Judd. b. Matter arising not covered elsewhere – item 2022-5-05 i b. – A list of HC administrators and commissioning of Parish Visitors has been received from Kate Wilson item 2022-5-05 ii c – Policies Review – still awaited from Mark Ward. 2. Minutes of the APCM held May 12th 2022. On a proposition from Julian Sims, seconded by Mary Melbourne the Accuracy of these minutes was agreed unanimously to be a true record of the APCM. The minutes will be approved at the next APCM in 2023	Mark Ward
2022-07-06	Results of nominations, one from each LCC, to form the interview panel for the applicants for the new incumbent, and a second person from each LCC to stand in should the chosen person be unable to attend. The list below shows those nominated.	

<p>2022-07-06 (cont)</p>	<p>Breamore – Andy Finch and Mary Melbourne, Fordingbridge – Ian Newman and Nigel Spratt Hale and Woodgreen – Bethan Davis and Lynda Warne Hyde – Heather Clark and Julian Sims</p> <p>On a proposal from Julian Sims, seconded by Ruth Crosland the above names were ratified by all.</p> <p>It was pointed out that, as soon as the date for the interview is known, all the above people must be notified and be prepared to make themselves free to attend.</p> <p>The committee was told that the warden’s meeting on July 1st suggested that we should write to the Bishop for her to write to the patrons asking them to consider not attending the interviews in view of the size of the panel. Ian Newman was asked to include this in his letter about Tom being chair. Ruth said that Candida Hickman was keen to attend.</p>	<p>Ian Newman</p>
<p>2022-07-07</p>	<p>Parish Profile:</p> <p>Heather Clark has volunteered to start the profile and then ask each L.C.C. to provide a thumbnail sketch of their church(es) and their vision for the future (also a fuller description which will go in the appendix). These will be included in the parish profile which will need to be completed before we can seek approval by Bishop Debbie and move forward to the Section 11 meeting in September. We would also like photographs of the churches and of any events or services which the LCCs think show their worship or outreach. The photos should not include Gary. The thumbnail sketches should be sent to Heather by the end of July and the aim will be to get the final version out by the end of August. The Section 11 date has yet to be decided.</p>	
<p>2022-07-08</p>	<p>Mission Topics for discussion:</p> <p>i) Action points from minutes for the PCC to review.</p> <p>Hyde – meeting not yet happened Breamore - meeting not yet happened. Hale and Woodgreen - meeting not yet happened. Fordingbridge – Meeting held June 15th</p> <p>a) AVCM proposal re, Laura Cowdery. LCC in favour of accepting. b) Faculties for Roof, heating and access see item 9 iii of these minutes c) Churchyard development, proposed to plant 5 trees in the churchyard and hawthorn whips along the new fence.</p> <p>Extraordinary Meeting held 29th June.</p> <p>a) Roof quote of £226,000 plus VAT accepted. b) Potential safeguarding issue discussed – see item 9 ii of these minutes. c) Printing costs, every effort must be made to reduce them.</p> <p>ii) Staff Team News.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">confidential</p> <p>iii) Other Mission Business:</p>	

<p>2022-07-09</p>	<p>i) Policy Review: The policy review that Mark Ward has been working on has not yet been seen so this item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.</p> <p>ii) Safeguarding: Recently the Fordingbridge Pastoral Visitors discussed the use of names and medical conditions used in prayers that are shared with the congregation, including those times when the service is streamed. The potential safeguarding/privacy issues were discussed. Whilst not strictly a safeguarding issue there could be in terms of privacy if names/conditions are publicised. The Pastoral Visitors Group agreed after some consultation that when praying for the sick intercessors were advised to avoid referring to medical, physical or mental conditions (such as any treatments, hospitalisation, cancer, dementia). To simply refer to the individual names. This forms part of their Safeguarding Guidelines. At a recent service at St Mary's names and conditions were read out and this was brought to the attention of Melvyn Beynon by a GP who was in the congregation. Melvyn reassured the person that permission had been given, which indeed was quite correct. The people concerned had given consent for the prayers. Melvyn in turn brought this issue to our attention and to Revd Kate.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Fordingbridge LCC agreed that only names be used when praying for the sick and dying. After much discussion this committee decided to take this decision further and only first names should be used unless permission has been granted to give more details. Particular care needs to be taken when praying for people for whom prayers have been asked on the slips for that purpose in church. • Other relevant topics were discussed and it was agreed that extra caution is required for services that are being streamed and only first names with no other details are used in these circumstances. • Funerals and weddings can only be streamed with consent. • People going up to take communion must not be shown. <p>iii) Finance Update: At long last Julian Sims was able to report that we now have a central bank account set up with Nat West.</p> <p>iv) Faculty Business: a) Any works needing Faculties referred from LCC's</p> <p>Fordingbridge-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Roofing project: The tender reports for the work required to replace the lead roof of the main nave with stainless steel were considered by the Fordingbridge LCC on June 29th, and after viewing the drawings and specification it was agreed to accept a quotation from Ellis & Co for £226,468.84 +VAT. The faculty application will also include work needed to repair and renovate the cast iron gutters and downpipes, but the cost of this has not yet been obtained. It was proposed by John Dowsett seconded by Lynda Warne and agreed unanimously that - the PCC ratify the decision taken by the LCC of Fordingbridge to accept the quotation by Ellis & Co for £226,468.84, for the roof work and approve the submission of a faculty for the Roof replacement and the repair and renovation of the gutters and downpipes. 	<p>Secretary</p>
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2022-07-10	AOB - none	
2022-07-11	Date of next meeting September 5th in the St. Mary’s Hall	
2022-07-11	Closing Prayer – led by Ian Newman. (Hyde next time please)	

