



Holy Trinity Church of Seer Green & Jordans

Minutes of the PCC meeting of 20th March 2025 at 7.15pm

The meeting was held at Janice Barrett's house.

Present:

Jez Carr, *Chair*

Tom Allen, Janice Barrett, Janine Dunnell, Anthony Bargioni, Janna Holder.

Apologies:, Sue Puttergill, Anne Wall, Linda West, Sam Barclay, Audrey Hardy.

1. WELCOME AND PRAYER

Jez welcomed everyone and opened with prayers.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the previous meeting dated 16th January 2025 were approved.

Proposer Tom. Seconder Janna.

3. MATTERS ARISING

6 Sue has contacted Sam to arrange a session on Lasting Power of Attorney and wills in June. Sue will organise it.

3 (8) Welcome slide for new attendees is still in progress (Janna). Welcome video still in progress (Jez).

6 Janna and Sarah to review the risk assessment for Teen Spirit.

8 Giving page on Holy Trinity's website still ongoing.

4. UPDATE FROM JEZ CARR

Jez was away a lot in February, but will be present more now. There is a move towards holding more events in the church. The planned gig before Easter has been pushed back to after Easter as it was during the school holidays, and would have missed the young families.

The last Teen Spirit had a good session, and the teenagers wanted to chat, rather than watch a video. There is a big event planned for 31 March to 'recruit' younger teens.

The Men's Breakfast is going well, with good, robust conversations.

Jez will be doing a bit less on Sunday mornings, to allow more time for creative services. The BCP and Holy Communion services will now be on the same Sunday to make clergy planning easier.

Jez has had a conversation with Jenny Tebboth to become more involved with Holy Trinity. She will take over the leadership of the Pastoral Care team, and lead at one Sunday a month. She will also assist in writing church articles for the Community Magazine, and taking the assemblies at the school.

5. BUILDINGS AND CHURCHYARD

5.1 Buildings Report

The church is fine, but needs repainting. Tom will put together a proposal and budget for this.

ACTION: Tom to produce proposal and budget

There is a problem with the heating. Once the weather is warmer, the floor boards will need to be lifted to find the leaks.

Tom will level the concrete under the pulpit and blend it into the tiles.

We're not sure if the porch roof is leaking. The walls were wet after one rain shower, but this hasn't been repeated.

One of the benches outside needs repairing as two back slats are missing, and one seat slat is broken.

The pulpit will be sold, or placed in the skip.

ACTION: Tom.

The Parish Council is entering the best kept village on 1 June. Hilary has been given approval to repair her family grave near the bus stop. The grass can be cut before then, but two wild areas will be left for bio diversity.

ACTION: Janine to ask Richard for signs for the wild areas.

5.2 Trees

The two quotes were reviewed and it was agreed to lift the crown of the tree near the old post office, and to cut down the two trees closest to the church at the back.

ACTION: Janine to contact Nick White.

5.3 Clearing the sheds

The sheds will be cleared in April, and Tom will sell or dispose of the tools in the shed. The doll's house is to be kept.

ACTION: Tom to order a skip for April.

5.4 Café Proposal

Linda's suggestion of Perspex to cover and protect the font will be considered for phase 2. For phase 1, Tom will see how he can protect the font from tea and coffee stains.

For the concerns about using the café to share information, there will be information available, possibly using the TV screen. But it won't be overt and the servers won't initiate conversions on faith.

It was agreed that there should be a management team. Jez, Janna, Tom, Sarah and Ivan were proposed, but it also needs someone who is not on the PCC. Sponsorship for the café will be managed within the Management team, who will also recruit the staff. They will also manage the café finances.

It was also agreed to set up a focus group to meet maybe once or twice, to provide ideas and review the name of the café. And maybe to meet after a few months to provide feedback and areas for improvement.

Janna recommended that there should always be two staff members in the church. This was supported from a safeguarding and safety perspective.

Janna also recommended avoiding the Seer Green Gardeners plant sale and cake sale event on 3 May for the grand opening of the café.

The PCC approved for Phase 1 of the café to proceed.

6. SAFEGUARDING

There are no safeguarding referrals to report.

Training is up to date, with one DBS and training required in April.

The Teen Spirit risk assessment needs to be reviewed and updated if necessary.

ACTION: Janna to review with Sarah Allen.

7. FINANCE

7.1 2025 Actuals vs Budget

The 2024 figures have been adjusted slightly to reflect the statutory reports.

The actuals are on track. There is £200 from the sale of the pews, and an additional donation of £500 from the estate of a previous member of the church.

There were no further questions.

7.2 Parish Share Update

Janine had a conversation with Archdeacon Guy on 12 March. He was more explicitly supportive of our position on the stipend amount. He will discuss this further with the Deanery Treasurer, and also with Bishop Dave. He asked again whether Jez would consider becoming a half time vicar. Jez is considering this, and is waiting information from Guy about what it would involve and pay. The parish would probably need to raise an extra £6,100 to pay the stipend.

8. PERMISSION TO PREACH APPROVAL

Peter Miles and Garry Walton's Permission to Preach approval runs out in June. The rector, vicar and the two PCCs in the Benefice have been asked to approve that they can continue to be licensed to preach.

Proposer: Jez. Secunder: Janna. Those present all approved.

9. AOB

It was proposed that the PCC meeting in May is delayed to June, and no PCC meeting would be held in July or August. This still means we have 5 meetings a year, which meets the Church of England's requirements. The next meeting will be 12 or 26 June.

10. CLOSING PRAYER

Jez closed in prayer.

The next meeting will be on Thursday 12 June 2025 at 7:15pm at Holy Trinity.