



ST PAUL'S CHURCH GROVE PARK  
**First Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners**  
**Wednesday 27 April 2022**

Doors opened at 19:00 for meeting and mingling.

At 19:15 a presentation was given by garden designer, Sonia Pinto, followed by a Q&A:  
**Cost?** Mainly to do with the landscaping. It will be upwards of £10k to begin. Once this done, will try to keep costs down by means such as using donated plants.

**Timing?** This will take some time to plan and cost. Estimate it to take about a year or two. We could start clearing undergrowth sooner, but apart from that the project will begin in the autumn of 2022.

**Will donated plants be preserved?** Yes. Please can we ensure that they are informed of donated plants.

**Can we see a Plan of Action?** There is a list in the vestry. Agreed that it would be get this written down and publicised on website.

19:30 Meeting opened. Annual meeting of Parishioners.

1. Apologies were received from Stephanie White and Sheila White.
2. The minutes of last year's Annual Meeting were approved.
3. Election of Church wardens.

Nominations:

- **Cassandra Barker**
- **Sara Hodson**

No further nominations put forward.

The nominations were agreed.

The meeting was closed with prayers.

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1: Apologies received from Stephanie White and Sheila White. Bea Vickers had to leave during meeting (she was on call)

2: Minutes of last year were approved.

3: Election of church council:

Nominations of those who were happy to continue:

Shelagh Allsop  
Carolyn Ashford-Russell  
Claire Carter  
Tim Makower  
Catherine Jessop  
Cassandra Barker  
Sara Hodson

New nomination. Proposed by Sara Hodson. Seconded by Simon Surtees. Duly nominated:  
Cathy Morgan.

The Minutes were approved (with two spellings corrected).

4: Election of Sidesmen

Carolyn Ashford-Russell  
Shelagh Allsop  
Sam Hearn  
Patricia Mann  
Cathy Morgan  
Jane Theakston

These were duly approved.

5: REPORTS

Secretary Report

By Cecilia Thwaites

Eight meetings were held between the last AGM and this evening.

- 3 April Following the first AGM
- 17 May 2021 – PCC Meeting
- 7 July 2021 PCC Meeting
- 8 September 2021 – PCC Meeting
- 13 October 2021 PCC Meeting
- 24 November 2021 PCC Meeting
- 5 January 2022 PCC Meeting
- 9 March 2022 PCC Meeting

Six meetings were held as from the last AGM until the end of 2021.

PCC report.

By Cassandra Barker

- Building repair works: The biggest item has been the repair of the crack in the roof, which was identified by our architect. Further repairs were the flashing on the baptistry; the crack in the outside wall has been made good; the inside of the kitchen has been tidied. The project was completed January 2022.
- Security has been improved has been: the crypt has a new lock on outside. The vestry key has been replaced.
- Lightbulbs have been repaced with halogen bulbs. The next time we replace the, they will have to be LED. This will probably have to be in the autumn and will also involve a platform.
- We have taken on a regular, once a month, maintenance contractor to look after the garden at the front of the church.
- The meeting expressed a formal Thank You to Cassandra for all her work.
- The report can also be found on the website: [www.stpaulsgrovepark.com](http://www.stpaulsgrovepark.com) (scroll down about 6 times)

### Treasurer's report.

By Sally-Anne Fieldman summarised report this year (2021).

- Total assets this year (2021) £140,417. Last year they were £133,542.
- Income exceeded expenditure by £7k.
- Income exceeded expenditure by £15k. Toddlers World has reopened. One of the ISIS rooms hired by Anusha. We hope we will be able to hire more as life continues to open up.
- Expenditure is up by £20k. This is due to increased contribution to common fund, more costs for organists and energy use.
- The church was hired four times for filming and three times for concerts/rehearsals.
- The church warden has been valiantly to open a new bank account, as Lloyds are unable to provide with online facility. We aims to have new bank account by this time next year.
- All in all, church has had good year.
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Any questions:

- Cathy Moran: After Father Michael goes, will we still have filming in the church? In the church, yes. But not in the vicarage. Once Michael retires, the Dioceses becomes responsible for the garden and the vicarage. And more filming happens in the vicarage than in the church.
- Catherine Jessop: Formal thanks to Michael for passing on private income from filming.
- Simon Surtees: One reason our accounts were slightly better is because we haven't been given our full common fund quota. What are our plans for increasing? We have planned to increase them and will review once again in September.
- Patricia Mann: Accountants requested some questionable changes, in the way they were asking for headings to be amended.

Jackie Rayner proposed adopted the accounts

Clair Carter seconded.

The accounts were approved. They will now be submitted to the charity commission.

### Stewardship officer Report.

By Jackie Rayner

Amount coming in is still increasing, despite the departure of some of our regular donors.

Expressed one concern re changing our account, would like reassuring that it will be possible to transfer all the standing orders and DDs.

Jackie is able to give people their exact donation figures for tax returns. Talk to her if you would like that!

The meeting expressed a formal Thank You to Jackie Raynor.

### Electoral Roll

The electoral roll is in the report.

These were approved.

### Safeguarding

The safeguarding was also in the report.

There were no questions.

### Deanery Synod Report

The Deanery is in the report.

Nothing further to add. We now have a new Area Dean, Martine Oborn.

### Report from working group activity groups

Youth Group by Bea Vickers:

- Bea Vickers feels time for her to hand over, as her children are now at uni. If we have more young people, may need to reactivate, and she would be happy to talk to her successor. However, currently the youth group is no longer active.
- Formal Thanks to Bea Vickers for all her hard work.

### Refugee Support Group

By Shelagh Allsop

- We are supporting the Home Office hostel in Hounslow. This is going well. We have paid for broadband in the house and for school shoes in September.
- We are hoping that they will join in with the flower festival. One of the women from the house is on the committee of Refugees Welcome Hounslow.
- Q: Is Hounslow getting Ukraine refugees?  
Ukrainian refugees either have to have families or have made contact with a sponsor, although this is not going well. There is one Ukrainian grandmother in Grove Park staying with her daughter. Are doing our best to bring her to Stay and Play. One of our congregation has a Ukrainian mother and two children coming to stay with her - pending visas.
- Q: Is English speaking a barrier?  
No, neither for Ukrainian nor for Afghan refugees. In fact it has been noted with particular regard to the Ukrainian children that they are advanced in their education.
- Q: Food donations, have these stopped?  
Due to limited takings, and the use of petrol, logistics, we have ceased taking food from donations. This needs to be re-announced in church and newsletter.

### Poetry Group

Sue Hearn has put together a report in the paperwork. This group is still going very strong. Formal thanks to Sue Hearn.

### 14: Vicar's Report

By Rev. Michael Riley

- There has been an Advent group on zoom and a Lent group in church.
- Formal thanks to Michael and Simon for running these.
- Music report: The organist has made a big difference to our services, especially when we could not sing. Formal Thank You to Tom.
- We are putting up a formal readers' list.

### Future Plans

150 Festival. A presentation was given.

We are going to be looking for volunteers across the events:

Date	Event	Door/Stewards	Bar/Refreshment	Other: Programme Raffle
15 May	Hear the People Sing			
28 May	Hounslow Symphony Orchestra			
29 May	Poetry Evening			
1 June	Festal Evensong			Singers
11 June	Addison Singers			
17 June	History Talk			
18 June	Kew Sinfonia			
25 June	Flower Festival			
26 June				
27 June				Clear up
3 July	Comedy Evening			

### 6: Vicar retirement

- Rev. Michael is moving to Bromley.
- The final service will be Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July.
- Once Michael has moved on, the church wardens and Area dean (Martine) are responsible for continuing the worship. Sara has begun preparations for this, to cover every Sunday with visiting clergy from then until Christmas, so that it is in place by July. We cannot proceed with any recruitment until Michael has formally retired. By the end of July, we need a Parish profile so that we can place an advert in the church times. The Dioceses can help with recruitment, short list and long list. Interview panel is normally Bishop, Archdeacon, Area Dean and two Parish members.
- Q: Could we let it be known for people who are interested could do some of the visiting preaching?  
A: This is not recommended practice.
- Q: Does the decision need to be unanimous?  
A: Patricia Mann, someone from the group comes to PCC. We can have up to 3 rejections.  
A: Wait and see what we can negotiate.

- Q: Is it possible diocese will decide we won't get a vicar?  
A: We have been told we are a 'Parish with potential', so we will be allowed to recruit.
- Q: Might the new vicar not be living in the vicarage?  
A: No idea. Apart from the obvious that he/she will have a home.

#### 7: Any Other Business

There was no other business.

Sara Hodson closed the meeting.

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FIRST MEETING OF NEW COUNCIL

Proposed the following:

**Lay Vice Chair.**

Sara Proposed Cassandra Barker.

Agreed unanimously.

**PCC Secretary:**

Cecilia Thwaites

Agreed to stay on.

Formal Thanks were given.

**Electoral Roll:**

Confirmed Liz Abbot happy to continue.

**Stewardship secretary**

Jackie Rayner

**Synod representatives**

Carolyn Ashford-Russel

Simon Surtees

Both were confirmed.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 11 May at 18:00.

Any Other Business

Once the minutes are done, they can go onto the website