

PARISH OF STANFORD IN THE VALE WITH GOOSEY & HATFORD

St Denys – All Saints – St George

Minutes of the meeting on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2024 at 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Mrs. M. Galley (MG) Chairman

Mr P. Gill (PG)

Mrs M. Sinclair (MS)

Mrs S Penman (SP)

Mrs J. Gill (JG)

Mrs J. Shippobotham (JS)

Mr. N. Archer (NA)

Mrs T. Hardman (TH)

Mrs J Warren (JW)

Mrs E Ward (EW)

<p><b>1</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome and Opening Prayer – lighting of candle</b>                  SP lit the candle and to reminded everyone of God’s presence with us. MG then led in prayer  <b>Apologies for absence:</b>                  Rev P. Eddy (PE), Mrs J. Howard-Jones (JHJ), Mrs Y. Upton(YU)</p>	
<p><b>2.</b></p>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b> None</p>	
<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>MINUTES of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024</b> – members were reminded to respond by e mail when minutes sent out. Only 7 responses to July minutes. So, all agreed at this meeting that the minutes were a true record of the meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup>.  <b>Matters Arising:-</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Legal fees for Goosey Ham land</b> - report about Goosey Church Warden’s Ham circulated before the meeting. With the hope of getting some ownership of this land established as this land is an asset foe Goosey - it was proposed by SP: <i><b>‘That the PCC instruct Bower Bailey, Solicitors in Summertown, to register the land known as Goosey Church warden’s Ham, in the name of the two Church Wardens and Vicar, who are the managing Trustees.( Estimated cost £1200 +VAT) and to pay the public liability insurance(£80)’</b></i> Secoded by MS and all in favour.                  LW also proposed’ <b>that we have the land valued’</b>. Secoded by JG. All in favour.</li> </ul>	<p>TH &amp; LW</p>
<p><b>4</b></p>	<p><b>REPORTS</b>  <b>BACFS – report circulated before the meeting. Main points:</b>  <b>Building &amp; Churchyard Update</b>  <b>St Denys</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Tower Clock</b> –Grant application sent to PPC for £910 + VAT.</li> <li>• <b>Castellations on the Tower</b>                  Ashley Amies consulted to do this work. Cannot be done until the Spring. BACFS will come with proposal at the next meeting.</li> <li>• <b>Belfry louvre</b>                  Could have a steeplejack to fix. Something for the future.</li> <li>• <b>Louvre access internally – Church Tower Flooring</b>                  Need to look at in the future. Identify it as a risk but cannot do too much about it at present.</li> <li>• <b>W25</b> This is the window below the clock. Ashley and a Glazier to look at this</li> <li>• <b>The perimeter channels</b>                  MG has done most of the gulleys. Looking for an echo friendly weed killer.</li> </ul> <p><b>Electrical safety.</b>  <b>Electrical repairs to the Tower in St Denys</b> are now complete the EIC certificate to be issued shortly. A pass with some advisory points.</p>	

**The faculty has gone in for the chairs and pews.** Awaiting a response.

### **St George, Hatford**

Still waiting to hear if the Diocese would agree to 'geophyz' an area to see if any bodies under there, this can then be hand dug for a 'garden of remembrance for ashes, only.'  
The village committee would have to fund this.

### **Churchyards.**

**St Denys – Plan of Churchyard – Old churchyard done.** Rest to do in October.

**Churchyard Maintenance Funds** -Funds brought together as our accountants, "Churchyard including Johnson" which stands at **£2618.75**

**Mowing Equipment** - list of possible equipment to help the volunteers being drawn up.

**The Garden of Remembrance Policy** – More advice from the Archdeacon is still being sought. Only 1 space left in the Churchyard.

**St George – Hatford** – Pam's bench still needs to go to the Village Committee to be approved.

### **Communications**

- **Web site** – on going
- **Sound Desk** – Grant application too late
- **Communications Review** – A Church near You has been updated.
- **Contactless Equipment for St Denys.** – . This has been delayed until November as there is a shortage of machines.
- **Service Cards** – needed for all 3 Churches and try to have them ready to put out in December.

### **Administration**

- **Remembrance Day service on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November.** All the uniformed groups invited.
- **Gift Weekend in November to be advertised in the newsletter**
- **Parish Administration document has been discussed.**

### **Health & Safety & Safeguarding**

#### **Safeguarding**

- DBS Checks –On going.
- Safeguarding training needs to be updated.
- **Health & Safety**
- **H & S Policy** – Draft policy from the Diocese to be look at and adapted for our churches ready for our next meeting. Work in progress.
- Lone Working Policy being reviewed.

**Finance-** received a PPC grant for the organ cleaning.

### **All Saints – Goosey**

The following proposal was sent out on e mail:

**All Saints Church, Goosey - Faculty Application to carry out the following:**

***Phase 1 and 2 of the phased programmes of repairs in accordance with the 'SCHEDULE OF WORK AND MATERIALS for REPAIRS at ALL SAINTS CHURCH, GOOSEY, STANFORD IN THE VALE, OXFORDSHIRE' dated June 2024 by Jon Hartley & Associates Ltd Chartered Surveyors. and installation of new drainage and water supply pipe as per the 'All Saints Church Goosey Drainage Plan' document including the Thames Water Point of Entry Plan.***

Was agreed – via e mail – by 11 out of 13 PCC Members. So, the proposal has been agreed.

The Vicar is on sabbatical so out of contact and 1 member has not replied.

### All Saints Church Goosey PCC Update - October 2024

- **Thames Water and Building Work**  
We have now paid the invoice (£2255) for TW installation. Work needs to be completed/inspected (i.e. the pipework from the mains to inside the churchyard) by April 2025 or we will have to get a requote in Feb/ March 2025. There will be a £98 cost to do the requote. We obviously would rather complete this work within the current timeframe and the surveyor is aware of this.
- Goosey Green Limited have now provided us with a draft of the *Easement Agreement* for the water installation and drainage work. One of the other GG Ltd directors needs to approve it and the Vicar and PCC will also need to approve it. The agreement is with the PCC and Incumbent and the Vicar will be the signatory on it on his return. The draft Easement Agreement is currently with the Diocesan Registrar to check and then will be circulated to PCC for final approval.
- This is now with Diocesan Registrar and waiting for agreement from GG Ltd. Many thanks for the volunteer in Goosey for drawing up this agreement.
- The surveyor came out on 3/10 with two builders to obtain updated quotes. Will circulate this to BACFS.
- The faculty for the works has now been approved by the DAC. Work needs to be completed within a year. Many thanks to Roger Griffin for all his help.
- We may need planning permission from the council for the church path work. MS investigating.

- **Filming at All Saints Church Goosey**

The following proposal was sent out on e mail;

***'We give approval or not for the proposed filming by Yvonne Morley-Chisolm for the Richard III Project 'A Voice for Richard', at All Saints Church Goosey. Permission to be granted by the Archdeacon and conditions met as per the Film Location Agreement from the Oxford Diocese Registry'***. Was agreed – via e mail – by 10 out of 13 PCC Members. So, the proposal has been agreed.

The Vicar is on sabbatical so out of contact and 2 member has not replied.

This was an exciting day about Richard 111.

**Deanery Synod** - Children and Young people Ministry –

Response to Vale of The White Horse Deanery Fact-Finding Exercise – 2024

**The Parish of Stanford in the Vale with Goosey & Hatford** drafted by PE was discussed.

It was agreed that the Deanery representatives need to meet and redraft parts.

**Collective Worship report from PE** . It is good that Paul is regularly going into school.

**Social Committee Report** – The harvest celebrations and lunch went off well. The recent Village Voices supper concert was a big success.

Future events include Afternoon Tea on 18<sup>th</sup> October and the Church Bazaar on 16<sup>th</sup> November.

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<u>5</u>	<p><b>Finance Report / Update on Budget for 2024</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review budget. It was noted that the income does not match the expenditure. There is a Gift Month coming up and a note is going in the November Newsletter encouraging villagers to donate to the upkeep of the 3 churches. Discussion about possible ways to improve information that is sent out to villagers.</li> <li>• Review Parish Share- at present by the end of the year we would have paid off £40,000 of the Parish Share. If the November Gift Month results in enough funds, it is hoped that a further £5000 could be paid.</li> <li>• A few items of expenditure need to be reviewed to see if they could be decreased.</li> <li>• There followed discussion about how to encourage more worshippers – like looking at how we could improve what we offer on a Sunday.</li> <li>• There has been a request to set up a Restricted 'St Denys PCC Belfry Fund', with the specific purpose of putting it towards future repair, maintenance and renewal of the church bells at Stanford in the Vale, This was thought to be a good idea so NA proposed and MS seconded that a 'St Denys PCC Belfry Fund' be set up. All agreed.</li> <li>• Contactless Giving at St Denys – this has been delayed until November due to problems with suppliers.</li> <li>• Collection review – It was agreed to add a collection box that will only come out when something on in Church.</li> <li>• <b>Mission Task Sheet</b> – After discussion about this it was thought that the PCC could make the necessary decisions about the mission groups to support. At present – Bible Society, Tear Fund and Open Doors – should continue. There has been specific events that have given funds to Barnabus Trust, Faringdon Food Bank and British Legion is to come</li> </ul>	<p>SP</p> <p>SP</p>
<u>6</u>	<p><b>Reordering Update</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy Audit- this has been done and submitted to the necessary people. Underfloor heating is now not advised as very expensive.</li> <li>• Wi-Fi St Denys – on going. There are only a few grants available for internet connections.</li> </ul>	
<u>7</u>	<p><b>Vicar's Report/Sabbatical</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review how things are going – Cover was well organised so has gone successfully with the different clergy each week. There has been: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A wedding request for next year</li> <li>➤ Wedding vow renewal</li> <li>➤ Service of remembrance</li> <li>➤ Funeral service</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>Which all went off smoothly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Administration – for PCC Considerations – This has been looked at in detail by BACFS and will be circulated. It was agreed that as we cannot pay the full Parish Share, we cannot afford to employ a secretary for Paul. However, there is a lot of voluntary offers of help in the Parish that need to be accepted so as to lessen Paul's workload. The PCC do need to support Paul and will work hard to be a strong supportive team.</li> </ul> <p>JW was thanked for all her administration work.</p>	
<u>8</u>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Wafers instead of bread.</b> A parishioner has asked if we could go back to wafers instead of bread. After a discussion, the group were half and half about this. Similarly, with the small cups for wine!</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ <b>Faringdon Singers concert</b> – all happy for this concert to go ahead, possibly in March with profits going to St Denys.</li> <li>➤ <b>Mystery donation</b> – SP asked if any one knew A.Williams as she had received a donation in April and wanted to thank the person. Idea to be passed to SP.</li> <li>➤ <b>Accident on pathway through churchyard.</b> After the Village Voices concert on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October a lady tripped and fell on the pathway through the churchyard and MG has been asked to enter it into the church accident book. This resulted in a broken wrist. After numerous enquiries and advice from the Archdeacon, because the path is tarmacked it is Highways responsibility, so the accident also to be reported to ‘Fix my Street’.</li> <li>➤ <b>Future Dates</b> for information– <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ 30<sup>th</sup> November – Lighting of Tree</li> <li>➤ 1<sup>st</sup> December – Denys@4 meal in school</li> <li>➤ 8<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm Hatford Carol Service</li> <li>➤ 14<sup>th</sup> December – 4pm – Goosey Carol Service</li> <li>➤ 15<sup>th</sup> December – 6pm St Denys Carol Service</li> <li>➤ 24<sup>th</sup> December – 4pm Crib Service 10 pm Holy Communion</li> <li>➤ 25<sup>th</sup> December – 10.15am Family Holy Communion</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<b><u>9</u></b>	<b>Possible Future meetings: 21<sup>st</sup> January, 18<sup>th</sup> March, 20<sup>th</sup> May, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 21<sup>st</sup> October. 11<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> May APCM?</b>	
<b><u>10</u></b>	<b>Closing prayer - The meeting was closed saying The Grace together</b>	

Name / Attendance		June 2024	July 2024	October 2024	January 2025	April 2025
Revd P Eddy	PE	√	√	Apologies		
Mrs M Sinclair	MS	√	√	√		
Mrs M Galley	MG	√	√	√		
Mir N Archer	NA	√	√	√		
Mrs J Gill	JG	√	√	√		
Mr P Gill	PG	√	√	√		
Mrs Jenny Howard Jones	JHJ	√	√	Apologies		
Mrs T Hardman		√	√	√		
Mrs S Penman	SP	Apologies	Apologies	√		
Mrs J Shippobothan	JS	√	√	√		
Mrs Y Upton	YU	√	√	Apologies		
Mrs J Warren	JW	Apologies	√	√		
Mrs E Ward	EW	√	√	√		
TOTAL attending		11/13	12/13	10/13		

