

## Minutes of the St.Eustace, Ibberton

**Parochial Church Council Meeting held at Rydalmere on Monday 6th  
November, 2023 at 7.30 pm.**

Congratulations Alice, Charlie & Freddie on the birth of Arthur

Present: Mr D. Old Lay-chairman, Mrs A. Newman, Secretary, Mrs K Old, Mrs C Doran, Mr C McCann, Treasurer, Mrs C McCann, Ms J.Waker Apologies for absence: Mrs H Sinkinson, Mr T Hill, Mrs J Hill, Mrs A Church Churchwarden, Mrs L Fraser. Mr P Closier has resigned as Church Warden and PCC member

	Items to follow up on
<p><b>1 Minutes of the previous Parochial Church Council meeting</b> Proposer CP Secunder CM</p> <p><b>3.Matters Arising</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church yard maintenance - Andy Old has kindly said he will undertake this task - his contribution to the Parish Church</li> <li>• Memorial for Rev Ronald - any update - nothing yet</li> <li>• Wedding Banns book purchased</li> <li>• Update on advert for House of Duty Minister for the Benefice of Hazelbury Bryan and the Hillside Parishes - will be readvertised in New Year - David Sinclair in training as a Vicar - small group are helping him to train. Will be a curate by June 2024 and a Vicar the following year.</li> <li>• Any update on the Electricity meter bill problem - Treasurers report</li> <li>• Update on encouraging people to us the Parish Giving Scheme - Churchwardens Report</li> <li>• Inspection Architect - Employing of Architect</li> <li>• Fund raising - church wardens report</li> <li>• Update Stabilization Project - an agenda item</li> </ul> <p><b>4.Churchwardens report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parish Giving Scheme update - it would be helpful for CM if people are able to sign up to the scheme. AN will send out the details.</li> </ul>	<p>AN</p> <p>CM</p> <p>AN</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ride &amp; Stride - Cakes/Preserves Sale - <b>Raised £78.50.</b> <b>Sponsorship £230 - church will receive £115 - thank you to all who took part / sponsored</b></li> <li>• <b>Saturday 23rd September-</b> A September Soirée featuring Judith Waker, Piano &amp; Colin Waker, Violin. Kindly hosted by Clare &amp; Christopher McCann - £1,250 was raised - a lovely event enjoyed by all - thank you CM, CM &amp; JW for a marvellous evening 40 people attended</li> <li>• <b>Saturday 7th October Safari Supper &amp; raffle</b> - kindly organised by Fiona Closier on behalf of the PCC - Thank you Fiona - money raised £850 50% each <b>donated to Weldmar Hospicecare &amp; The Somerset &amp; Dorset Air Ambulance - the carol singing ( will be donated The Friends of Blandford Hospital) and Carols by Candle Night collections will be donated to the Church instead.</b></li> <li>• Harvest 15<sup>th</sup> October - morning family service 10.30 am followed by refreshments 15 people attended - led by Jenny. Thank you to all who decorated the church. The produce was donated to the Vale Pantry</li> <li>• Trial pattern of Services update - <b>will continue as they are at the moment</b></li> <li>• Church yard / hedge / church path maintenance? <b>Andy Old</b></li> <li>• <a href="https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/">https://ecochurch.arochoa.org.uk/</a> - <b>something to look at</b></li> <li>• <b>Clock - timings and chiming's?</b></li> <li>• <b>Christmas church lighting</b></li> <li>• <b>023 Statistics For Mission Return - Parish: Ibberton: St Eustace - Church: Ibberton: St Eustace - complete report online</b></li> </ul>	<p>AN will write and thank Fiona</p>
<p><b>5. Treasurer's report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update on finances - general account &amp; fabric fund <b>Lloyds Current Account £9,500 - all this year's share is paid</b> <b>Lloyds Instant Access Account</b> <b>Bath Building Society Account</b> <b>Fabric Fund £2,644</b></li> <li>• <b>Insurance certificate required to be displayed in the porch?</b></li> <li>• Update on the Electric bill problem SSE still think the church has 3 electric meters instead of the 1 that was installed with a smart meter a year ago! We are still paying a standing charge of each meter! Not sure whether the meters readings are correct. CM has complained twice - he is now going to write to the CEO and mention the Financial Ombudsman</li> </ul>	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>CM CM</p>

- **Possible Electric Contacts - [businesscontracts@sse.com](mailto:businesscontracts@sse.com) SSE Energy solutions:**  
<https://parishbuying.org.uk/categories/energy/fixed-term-energy-contracts>  
<https://utility-aid.co.uk/>
- Your Share request for 2024 is: £5,343.08  
 Your Share request for 2023 was: £4,947.30  
 This represents a: 8% increase

Discuss at next meeting

## 6. Deanery Synod

Diocesan Synod meeting - working on the Bishop's Key plan



**Making Jesus Known:**  
 Bringing the Five priorities to life, locally

[https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/62d6c0328cf55/content/pages/documents/sep23\\_vs\\_brochure.pdf](https://d3hgrlq6yacptf.cloudfront.net/62d6c0328cf55/content/pages/documents/sep23_vs_brochure.pdf)

- To help with the work of the Deanery Synod every Church has been asked to contribute £10 per year

**Exclamation** - Anne explained that the only income the Deanery currently has is the interest on its CBF Deposit Account reserve which is approx £100 per year, depending on interest rates, and is not sufficient to cover the Deanery's regular cost. Regular annual costs are £250 per year comprising insurance £200 and Shaftesbury and Gillingham show membership subscription £45. In the past each parish in the Deanery had contributed a small annual sum to Deanery Funds but this had ceased some years ago. The Standing Committee proposed to restart this contribution at the rate of £10 per parish so that the Deanery can cover its regular and occasional costs (gifts, meeting and volunteer expenses where appropriate). There was discussion about whether an insurance policy was necessary. The Deanery's activity with the public at the Shaftesbury and Gillingham Show was given as a good reason for needing insurance. There were also questions about the purpose and size of the Deanery's reserve (£3,000). Canon Richard said it was usual and indeed necessary for a Deanery to have some funds in reserve to allow it to organise events and activities. Bank Transfer to Blackmore Vale Deanery, Sort Code 30-93-45, Account no 01175018, with your parish name as the reference or

By cheque payable to Blackmore Vale Deanery and posted to me at Shottsford Cottage, 3 Oak Court, Church Road, Shillingstone, Dorset, DT11 0TT also with your parish name. Anne Powell Treasurer Blackmore Vale Deanery

– it was agreed that the PCC would send this contribution

CM

## 7. Update on Stabilisation Project

**Problem:** 1. Inspecting Architect requires a description from Structural Engineer of material and method of packing the void under the North Aisle West wall - the structural engineer will not provide specification because he doesn't wish to work with the Inspecting Architect. He has suggested an Inspecting Architect that he will work with - Richard Blackmore.

**Problem:** 2. Our present Inspecting Architect, Marcus Chantrey, is starting his own company Chantrey Conservation Architects Ltd so we will have to sign a contract with his new company!

I know an Inspecting Architect [Philip Hughes Associates - Profile \(pha-building-conservation.co.uk\)](http://Philip Hughes Associates - Profile (pha-building-conservation.co.uk)) is registered - Philip Hughes worked with my husband and I some years ago when we owned a medieval house. I phoned him for some advice about Richard Blackmore - he is concerned about the quality of the work he oversees.

**Resolution 1 :** Engage [Philip Hughes Associates - Profile \(pha-building-conservation.co.uk\)](http://Philip Hughes Associates - Profile (pha-building-conservation.co.uk)) as our Inspecting Architect. He has a vast experience working with churches and older buildings. Please read Philip Hughes profile follow the link above. Philip would require a structural engineers input as before our structural engineer may work with Philip Hedges?

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**Resolution 1 :** Engage Marcus Chantrey AABC SCA RIBA Director Chantrey Conservation Architects Ltd (engagement documents attached)  
Mobile: 07856 828406 Email: [marcus@ccarch.co.uk](mailto:marcus@ccarch.co.uk)

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**Problem 3: Finding a new structural engineer. - both companies received all previous structural engineers reports**

**Contacted** Curtins.com Please see attached documents.

**Contacted** [www.awaengineers.com](http://www.awaengineers.com) Recommended by Marcus Chantrey.

Quote arrive Monday pm

**Resolution 2:** Engage one of the above as Structural engineers, Derek Williamson will not work with either Inspecting Architects.

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Items that are advised to undertake plus stabilising work to be decided

- Localized repointing
- Pin the displaced window surround - monitor
- Repairs to the 2 light window N Nave
- repoint the arch apex

As comparison grid of the fees of both the Inspecting Architects & the Structural Engineers will be sent out to the PCC ahead of the next meeting as soon as we have fees from Philip Hedges

AN

8. **Fundraising Update**

- Remembrance Day - **Sunday 12th November** Benefice Service
- Carol Singing - **Thursday 14th December 6 pm Cutlers Close - PCC inaction for community - 6.30 pm The Friends of Blandford Hospital**
- **Saturday 16th December** - Community Christmas Event in the Village Hall - more family involvement and fewer carols 7.00 pm Bring and share event JW will play. Try and involve more of the Village. CD will create a flier
- Christmas Day - **Monday 25th December** collection to the church

9. Any Other Business      None

Meeting ended 8.30 pm

10. Date of next meeting      December - once quotes comparisons are all created

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