



Minutes of the St Augustine's P.C.C. Meeting held on Tuesday 20th November 2018

Members Present:			
Rev'd Canon Jonathan Collis	Paul Chisnell		
Colin Russell (Treasurer)	Father Christopher Giles		
Martin Everett (Churchwarden)	Karen Kindley		Dawn Holley (as Minute Taker)
Mhoira Brewer (Churchwarden)	Ian Stobart		
Margaret Ridley (Secretary)	Peter Somerville		
Linda Barnard	Megan Sylvester		
	Agenda Point	Discussion /Decisions	Proposed/Seconded/Agreed
1	Opening Prayer	The meeting opened at 8 pm in prayer led by the vicar.	
2	Apologies for absence	Hannah Rowland, Fred Watson, Kay Twitchen OBE	
3	Minutes of the meeting Tuesday 26 th September 2018	Add IS and delete MR on members present.	Proposed: MB Seconded: LB Unanimously agreed.
4	Matters arising from September minutes	Covered in later items.	
5	Deanery Synod Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The deanery synod meeting was 13th November at St. Michael's Westcliff with Street Pastors and HARP as guests. LB informed the PCC that the presentations were very good. HARP night shelters and Street Pastors provide night time guidance. JC said that a video has been sent to him which will be placed on the church website. PS mentioned that Street Pastors are happy to have volunteers accompany them should anyone wish to help. 	

6	Church Wardens' Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MB has taken the poppy box to the issuer – a receipt is on its way. • ME informed the meeting that Simon Le Mare is able to de-worm the church's wood worm spots – a letter of thanks was suggested; it was decided to put a thank you in the newsletter. LB asked about the strength of the insecticide used and wondered if this would take down the cost of the insurance – to be researched. • Flowers – JC is planning to have a flower arranging meeting after advent to see if there are any willing volunteers. MB will go to the flower arranging session at Holy Trinity for inspiration. • CG informed the meeting that the work Peter James has been doing is 95% complete (various jobs; gutters, plastering, fixing cupboards, fixing hoppers & downpipes). MB said he is very good; he sees a job that needs doing and just gets on with it. JC thanked CG as he has been assisting Peter James. • CR mentioned that he awaits the bill for church hall work. (as an aside MB commented that the bridge club are not clearing up after themselves so JC will pop his head in one Thursday). • Hilda Field Room – under the carpet is nice flooring, the carpet will be removed in due course. • Sound System – Review – general consensus is that it is better but still has blips occasionally. MB commented that we need to stop removing the battery every time it is used. MB informed the meeting that the DAC advisor did not offer any advice that we hadn't already done and suggested that if we are going to decorate the Hilda Field Room could we move the sound system cost will be £200- £300. JC requested that everyone monitor this carefully. MB would like to know how bad the system is for the Loop users. A note will be placed in the newsletter asking for feedback. JC will look to replace in the New Year. • ME informed the meeting that whilst he believes the tree work at £5K is expensive and generous (anon) donation has been received and the work will be completed by Tree Fella. • MS asked about the altar lights – ME explained that JC needs higher lights to go over the altar curtain as currently dreadful. MB says arrange a meeting with Copley, ME and JC. • Grasscutters coming on 3 Dec and ME & MB will be putting the Christmas tree up. • JC thanked the Churchwardens for their continuing hard work. 	
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7	Treasurer's Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CR presented his budget and mentioned that over the past couple of years we have received generous donations of £5k, we probably won't be receiving those again. • Had family purse assessment approx. £1300 increase – PC asked what per cent is this – about 1.5 – 2 %. • JC added that we are very close to the budget well done and that we have reached a point of stability. • MB mentioned that the summer concerts are very good PR for the church and CR said they make money for the church. MB thanked JC for arranging. • Copperpots – JC suggested Crimean Memorial Church – unanimously agreed. • JC recommended we accept this budget. 		Proposed: MS Seconded: LB Unanimously agreed.
8	Vicar's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC presented his report to the PCC. • Extension – DAC would like a pitched roof – it is moving forward. • Bellringing – encouraging. • Music – more to be done but Lorraine Everett is very positive. Shoebury High School are doing a carol service. KK asked about the stand ins for Lorraine – JC has suggested that Lorraine arranges cover in January for the summer. LB asked about LE's contract – JC is dealing with it. • Serving with Accountability – is everyone happy for JC to put forward the points suggested, yes. 		
9	AOB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next year's dates – need four but five works for us. 		
10	Dates of 2019 meetings	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Standing Committee</u></p> <p>Tuesday 8th January Tuesday 5th March</p> <p>Tuesday 4th June Tuesday 10th September Tuesday 5th November</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PCC</u></p> <p>Tuesday 22nd January Tuesday 19th March APCM Sunday 28th April Tuesday 18th June Tuesday 24th September Tuesday 19th November</p>	
11	Closing prayer	The meeting closed at 9 pm in prayer led by the Vicar.		.