

Summary of PCC meetings

Following last year's APCM, Lois Smith resigned as PCC secretary, and it has not been possible to find a replacement for her. Sue Pope, our Lay Vice-Chairman, has assisted in preparing agenda's and taken minutes of meetings but the role of PCC Secretary remains unfilled. We thank Sue for her help.

At the start of the new PCC year, a new model of governance was agreed through which joint PCC meeting of both parishes would be encouraged wherever possible to ensure resources were used most efficiently and effectively for missional growth.

Where appropriate, the individual PCCs meet separately or conduct business via email. Most meetings were held on-line. At PCC meetings, Birdham and Itchenor PCC received regular fabric reports and ensured the ongoing appropriate maintenance of the buildings and grounds for which they are responsible. Tony Monks and Ian Strong have continued to assist in these areas at Birdham, along with other committed volunteers at both our churches, for which we are grateful. Matters of finance were also discussed and 'contact-less' payment systems adopted along with QR coded giving. Safeguarding remains a standing item at all PCC meetings.

At a joint meeting of the PCCs a revised pattern of services was agreed. At a subsequent meeting of both PCCs, the Growth Action Plan was adopted and a renewed commitment to mission accepted. In the New Year it was also agreed to give authority to the Rector to appoint, supported by CWs, a Mission Support Facilitator. Sophie Relf was appointed to this role and a regular office presence at the St James Centre has been established.

There are a number of vacancies of elected members and we have co-opted two members. Meetings were held in an organised and business like way and supported in a constructive manner.

Until a new PCC Secretary is appointed, the PCC will endeavour to minute all meetings and set agendas accordingly.