

DEANERY OF EAST WIVELSHIRE

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MINUTES OF THE DEANERY SYNOD **meeting held at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 23rd February 2023** **at Bishop Cornish School, Saltash**

1. Welcome and Worship

Rev Chris Painter, Rural Dean, welcomed everyone.
Worship led by David Watters John 29:9-19 Take care of my sheep
Followed by time in breakout rooms to discuss reading and prayer.

2. Present and Apologies

25 participants attended

Apologies received from Father Michael, Kirsty Mims, Stella Clark, Robert Oakes, Kathy Polz

3. Approval of the Minutes of the last Synod Meeting

Kirsty Mims shared the following with her apologies;

"Given the importance of The On the Way plan and the real changes that are to be made to the Benefices, in my view it is imperative that the minutes of these meetings are produced and distributed as soon as possible after a meeting has taken place. It is not only not acceptable to ask members to agree the minutes of a meeting that happened 5 months ago, when those minutes have only just been produced, but as such important changes are being discussed and made then the church ought to be seen to be transparent with the information that it shares"

4. Matters arising not on the Agenda

None

5. Deanery Items

a - St Piran – awards decided & announced. Keep aware through the year at criteria

B – readers/LLM. Frustration over comms years ago. Since covid LLM meeting regularly

C – deanery fund. Money sat in account. Account largely inactive. PG recommends moving bank. Happy to authorise.

D – David Watters has decided to step down as lay chair with immediate effect. Chris expresses his appreciation for all he's done over the years. Noted how he's a driver and architect over current plans.

6. Deanery Plan

CP introduced Jenny Bushrod to talk about the Deanery Plan
JB expressed her personal commitment.

Vote on CP proposed all members be accepted (except DW). More information requested. With the proviso on the gaps. Unanimously accepted.

Annual plan – JB explained the 5 workstreams and explained we are now. Noted the legal aspects to the changes and the timescales involved.

Pastoral reorg – transitions meetings taking place. Others to follow soon. Parsonage reviews in place. Role profiles aiming to be completed by April. AD Kelly then able to discuss with current incumbents.

Ministry, worship & Discipleship – DW completed audit of where we are now. JB to send to PCCs. Sally Piper led a meeting on Sunday 26 Feb on what our mWD could look like.

Mission & Growth – Apt of 3 term time chaplains, p/t 2yr pioneer minister, 2 x CAP Debt advice workers. Audit of mission & meeting in Jan. MMF contributions enabled appointments.

Pause to connect with AD Kelly at 20:15. JB and team doing an amazing job, gratitude expressed. AD Kelly explained the legal process involved. Rural Dean post – deanery plan suggests deanery leader/area dean. Hold some of the traditional roles but also take the lead with implementing the plan and strategic work. Early stages of role description. Short term looking to find member of clergy to provide cover. Lay chair required short term. Up to the house of laity.

Q – number of parsonages. Hope there will be a requirement for more

A – diocese has a large portfolio. Not in use, let out. Costs diocese money. Agents fees. Some need to meet Net Zero. Looking to retrofit properties to meet net zero and make good for people to live in. Properties for clergy plus 2 spares.

Q – would money from property sale be ringfenced for new property or general funds

A – Reinvested in benefice to keep MMF down. Everyone beneficed. Ringfenced if a property is required in the benefice. If a spare property goes into general fund.

Q – What is the current estimate of church commissioners

A – the whole process could take 8 months to 1 year, but there is no way to estimate how long it will take.

Q - When might it go to commissioners

A -unknown. PCCs would know in advance.

Legal process, no shortcuts, important for people to have their say. The longer the process takes the longer the parish is in vacancy. Deal with issues now before it goes to commissioners. AD Kelly disconnected at 20:35.

5 minute break.

Back to JB

Governance, resourcing & Operations – Apt of deanery lead at stipendary post. Member of clergy. Developing role profile, establish CIC to employ other posts, commence requirement of pcc arrangements. Advice on CIC set-up being sought. Work in progress.

Finance & estate strategy

Establish MMF Baseline & 2023 allocations.

Establish & work with the treasurer's forum. Preparation of 2024 MMF Allocations. Set realistic goals for growth with Jenny Wreford. Estate at least 6 months down the road.

Deanery website not updated, noted. Dec & Jan working on the plan. JB to send to PCC secretaries 24/2, CP to update website.

Annual Plan shown on screen to show it's thoroughly population.

Appreciation noted from synod for JB's time and effort.

MMF

JB explained MMF methodology. In discussion with Callington. Problem with Millbrook bank mandate. Option 2 fairer than 1. CP pointed out the work that has gone into working out MMF allocations. Let JB know by end of March if any problem with MMF contribution.

Rosemary Stevens proposed option 2 for MMF contributions which was seconded by Debbie Crocker. There were 0 oppositions to this and 2 abstentions from voting. All else agreed.

Chris thanked Laura B-H for her help and expertise with the IT set up and enabling AD Kelly to 'drop in' to the meeting.

8. News from the Parishes

Due to the length of the meeting, this item was postponed for the next meeting.

10. AOB

Richard Margetts was asked to step-in as a temporary lay-chair. This was unanimously agreed.

11. The meeting closed with the Grace.

Date of next Deanery Synod: Thursday 08 May, 28 September