



Parochial Church Council

Minutes of the Meeting held on 3 December 2023

Present:

Eileen Roby (ER) – Chair, Churchwarden
Peter Dean – Churchwarden
Tilly Elliott
Margaret Greenstreet
Cathy Honeyman
Gill Watson
Martin Whittick (MW)
Marcus Jones (MJ) - PCC Secretary

The meeting began at 11.36am and was chaired by ER.

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Rev. Tony Rindl, Roger Courtney, Lesley Gray and Anthony Wilson.

2. Resolution for the sale of 63 Brightwell Road

2.1 It was explained that the meeting had been called because the Diocese had advised that the Council were required to appoint the Diocesan surveyors and solicitors to act for the Council regarding the sale of the property and the Council were required to include these appointments in the resolution. The opportunity had been taken to refine some of the wording previously suggested but nothing of substance had been changed. The final wording of the resolution, circulated prior to this meeting, was:

The Council agrees that:

1. *63 Brightwell Road should be sold. The current letting agents, New Hope and the diocese should be informed accordingly.*
2. *The sale proceeds should be invested in a high interest-bearing account with the interest received being ringfenced and applied to the General Fund.*
3. *Advice should be sought on the degree of refurbishment prior to offering the house for sale. If the advice is to sell in its present state, the Council will seek to place it on the market as soon as possible. If the advice is that some refurbishment would be helpful in order to obtain a quicker sale and a higher sale price, the Council authorises the Standing Committee to arrange this.*

4. *Rumball Sedgwick, Surveyors (58 St Peter's St, St Albans AL1 3HG) should be appointed to prepare a Charities Act S119 report on the property and Debenhams Ottaway, Solicitors (Ivy House, 107 St Peter's St, St Albans AL1 3EW) to act for the Council in the sale.*

The Council further notes the need to comply with all relevant diocesan and charity requirements governing such a sale.

This was proposed by MW, seconded by MJ and agreed unanimously.

3. Any other business

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 1137am.

**Marcus Jones
PCC Secretary**

Signed:
Chair/Vice Chair [Delete as appropriate]
Date: