

A Report from the meeting of the Standing Committee for the Parochial Church Council held on 29 March 2022.

The planned PCC to be held the previous week was postponed due to illness, so the Standing Committee met to continue with the business via zoom, especially the current less contentious issues. The Revd Deb Smith held the chair, and six authorised PCC members were in attendance.

There were updates on:

- a. The appointment process for the parish Health and Safety Officer – ongoing.
- b. Openness of PCC business – new reporting procedure with reports available on the website.

Safeguarding Policy – annual review

The summary document was approved for display on all church notice boards. The longer background material will be standardized into a format that can be replicated across all the PCC policies.

Communications Sub-Committee

Recruitment of a paid administrator for each Friday will be undertaken to ensure that the parish office is open from 9am – 1pm each weekday.

Fabric Sub-Committee

- a. Three named people were authorised to undertake online Faculty applications for the parish, with regard to the maintenance of our church buildings. A fourth person is being sought to complete this small team.
- b. St Mary's Church, Bridport has been given the permission to apply for a List B application to repair the window in the north aisle, following an incident of deliberate damage. The cost is being covered by the generous donations from members of the local community.

Finance Sub-Committee

Research will be undertaken to look at the insurance cover for each of the buildings and our church activities, with a view to amalgamating the policies, as an initiative to underpin our cross-parish approach and the legal responsibility that lies with the PCC.

Dates of future meetings were received, together with notice of the **Away-day for the newly elected PCC**, set for **Saturday 14 May, in Broadwindsor**.

The next formal meeting of the PCC will be held on Tuesday 5 April.

Bridget Trump
PCC Secretary.

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