

The scheduled meetings of the Council for 2023/24 were held on_

Thursday 1st June 2023 - 7:30 pm - at 'The French Hen' p.h.

Thursday 7th September - 7:30 pm - at Church

Friday 29th September - 7:30 pm - at Church [Extra-ordinary]

Thursday 23rd November - 7:30 pm - at 'The French Hen' p.h.

Thursday 8th February 2024 - 7:30pm - at Church

with the Annual Vestry Meeting and Annual General Meeting on

Sunday 3rd March 2024 - following morning service - at Church.

These different locations were set for i) variety of venue and ii) the availability of car-parking space aiding convenience of attendance.

The agendas for the meetings followed a format devised by the clergy and all proceedings were duly minuted. All 'paperwork' was circulated via e.mail as well as being available for reading and downloading from the church website www.clent-worcs.co.uk <Council>. To reduce paper consumption only a limited number of printed copies were available at the meetings.

The Minutes of meetings are also posted in this manner.

Safeguarding issues and those regarding children, young people and the vulnerable are always given prominence and discussed fully, with recommendations from our Safeguarding Officer implemented appropriately. The Council is grateful to her for the diligence with which she approaches this work and for keeping the Council and the Church up-to-date with this and Training & Compliance issues.

Meetings receive regular financial updates from our Hon. Treasurer and the Finance sub-committee as well as reports-back from the Church Wardens regarding the state of the fabric and wear-and-tear of consumables. We are currently engaged in meeting the demands of the Quinquennial (five yearly) review (as overseen by the Archdeacon).

The Mission of the Church and how our services are being scheduled and carried-out always receive our consideration and input from Council members and their reporting of feedback from the congregation is welcomed.

There is always the opportunity for Council Members to bring-forward items for general discussion - or to do so on behalf of the members of our congregation.

Minutes of this annual meeting (*when the secretary has completed writing them*) will also be published on our web which you are all encouraged to visit and so keep yourselves apprised of the work being undertaken your behalf.

Archdeacon Nikki has called a Preliminary Vacancy Meeting, which is an 'extraordinary meeting' for all Hagley and Clent PCC members, at 7.30 pm on Thursday 7 March in St Saviour's Church.

Richard himself will not be attending this meeting, as convention dictates that a retiring priest is not involved in this process, but it is important that as many PCC members as possible meet with Nikki and Kim to start planning for the future.