MINUTES OF CHURCH MEETING 1st Sept 2020 7p.m. (via Zoom Videolink)

1. Members present: Rev. Andy & Kay McManus, Peter Wright, John Wass, Garry & Dawn Clewlow, Tom & Julie Hamilton, Barry & Gloria Taylor, Chris & Rita Wilson, Arthur Bates, Stan & Barbara Roberts, Mike & Annette Gregory, Ellis & Rachel Parker, Nessa Johnson, Daphne Cox, Janet Morton, Margaret Clark and John & Maureen Edenbrow.

2. Apologies: None.

Andy opened the meeting with a prayer.

3. The minutes of the last meeting on 22nd June 2020 were circulated and agreed.

4. Matters arising: A.11.Andy and Nessa have completed a Coronavirus Risk Assessment for re-opening of Church. It is to be held in the RED H & S Folder in Church and a copy filed with Secretary.  **A. 12 See agenda Item 10 on Agenda.**  A. 13. New boiler and radiator thermostats have been fitted. **A.14. Garry Clewlow’s P.A.T. Testing equipment is now ready for use.**

5. Group Reports YYC. **A.15 Andy, Nessa & Vicky to complete Risk Assessment in preparation for re-opening of YYC.** Vicky is arranging a Zoom Meeting for members for 17th Sept. Shop. Tom has completed Risk Assessments for the Shop, which has now re-opened. It will be closed on Fridays at first. There have been no H&S issues to date. Mia is back from Uni and is helping out. Martin ???? (builder) is installing a new Damp course and air brick to the front wall of the shop. Worship Team. Current Government rules state that a small group can sing together so long as Social distancing is observed, but no congregational singing is allowed. Tots. Kay is posting short Bible stories on-line. **A.16. Kay will contact Tots mums to advise there are no immediate plans to restart.**  Lighthouse. No immediate plans to restart. White Heather. The group has met together for a meal at the Hare & Hounds. Government rules mean that they cannot meet in Church without wearing masks and observing social distancing. Members are missing the meetings and have 4 new applications for people to join. **A.17.** **Andy will meet with Janet & Daphne to discuss the matter further.** Coffee Morning. Until the Law changes Coffee mornings will continue on Zoom. We must err on the side of caution and resist becoming precipitous. Home Group & Bible study. Both are continuing via Zoom. Lunch Club. John and Linda are hoping to arrange a Christmas Lunch.

6. Pastor’s report. Andy said he was finding it irritating that we were not able to meet together in Church, but emphasised that we must keep within Government guidelines. He is in regular contact with EMBA and BUGB. He said that Bourne Baptist had re-opened with those attending having to book in, sit with a mask on, no singing, listen and then go home. They were struggling to get more than 20 attending.

7. Finance. Chris said that we have £6,604 in C/A (which includes Gift Aid recently received) and £46,610 in Gold A/C (this includes the £10,000 from SKDC). We are losing approx. £380 per month which is our average collection on Sunday morning services. A website link has been set up to try to encourage people to give ‘as normal’ to the Church; also, could people donate via debit/credit cards; and/or could we set up a ‘Chip & Pin’ system? **A. 18. Chris and Ellis to explore this possibility.**

8. Health & Safety. See above- Matters Arising and Group Reports.

9. Buildings. Preparations are done. Maureen asked for any volunteers for painting. Maureen will coordinate the work so that no more than 3 people are working at the same time. 1 quote has been received and another awaited for supply and fitting of new storage cupboards.

10. Sale of Orchard. **A.12**. Following the discussion at our last meeting, Andy gave an update. Les Hammond had been in touch with Andy and offered to buy the land for £2,500, cover all Legal fees, include a 20 year clawback clause and pay for the trees to be cut back/felled. Phil was happy for Les to proceed. Everything raised at the last meeting had been covered. Andy proposed and John E seconded that we sell the land to Les. There were no further comments from the members present and it was unanimously agreed to sell to Les. (It was noted that it would have been precipitous of us to have sold the orchard at our last meeting).

11. A.O.B. On-line family quiz arranged for 25th September on Zoom

12. Date & time of next meeting. 17th November 2020 at 7p.m. This will be our A.G.M.