

## PCC MINUTES FOR THE PARISH OF ST MICHAEL'S PLAS NEWTON, CHESTER

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 via Zoom

<b>Present</b>	Peter Rugen (Chair)	Ali Gibbons
	David Blackmore	Sarah Batchelor (Secretary)
		John Allan
	Steve McKew	
	Peter Caldwell	
	Peter Webster	
	Phil Roberts	
	Anne Stockdale	
	John Stockdale	
	Magdy Fahmy	<b>Apologies</b>
	Anne de Reybekill	Stu Davies
	Andrew Wynn- Evans	
	Martin Smith	Ruth McKew
	Andy Thorne	Fiona Prichard

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	<b>Welcome and Prayer</b>	Pete welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming to the meeting. He opened the meeting with a reading from Psalm 71:12-24 and by saying a prayer.		
	<b>Minutes from November PCC Meeting</b>	Pete asked members of the meeting if there were any amendments required to the minutes for November. No revisions were requested and so approval of the minutes was proposed by Peter Caldwell and seconded by Anne De Reybekill. The minutes were approved by all present.		
	<b>Matters Arising</b>	<b>The Garden</b> - Steve Powell has agreed to form a work party. The last one two weeks ago was successful.		
2218	<b>Finance</b>	Phil proposed that we accept charity deposit platform. Seconded by John Stockdale <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unanimous in favour of the proposal</li> </ul> Proposal for debit card for Sas/Rob Q -Is there an upper limit? Does it do against their budget? Yes. Any extraordinary charge would seek PCC for approval. Needs a receipt to prove.		



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		<p>Proposal: Phil R            Seconded by Magdy.  <b>Finance for next year:</b>            Estimate for this year is just over £9,000 deficit.            Comment: Next year's deficit is £42,600 for 2022. Kingsway Café is included in this (This year only 9,600 because of government assistance. Next year/this year will need to be covered. Something we need to monitor – therefore the funding group has been set up) Reminder that God is bigger Psalm 71.            Pete thanked Phil for clear reports and proposals. Really good to have them before the meeting</p>		
2219	<b>Safeguarding</b>	<p>Concern raised in the Autumn has been reported to diocese. Taken much time and diocese have been very supportive. Anne and Ali have requested everyone involved in groups to complete the safeguarding training from the CofE. 10 people have completed it to date. Still some missing. We need this completed ASAP and evidence sent to Anne S. DBS need to be updated every 3 years not 5 years as the diocese has changed the rules. If anyone has concerns, please be in touch with Anne. We are well supported by the diocese and 31:8, the organization that oversees DBS and gives advice.            Pete thanked Anne for all her time and work involved. Diocese is very keen for everyone up to date with safeguarding requirements.</p>		
2220	<b>APCM Pete</b>	<p>Steve McKew is planning on standing down as Church Warden this year. Please can we think and pray about who might be willing to take the role on.            Likewise, with the secretary. Is there anyone who might make a great secretary</p> <p>At the last APCM, it was raised that there was a large amount of information in the annual report. Over the last year, we have made the report online. It is still very lengthy.            Is there some way we can refine the report?</p> <p>After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that there are two main components in the APCM report.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Accounts</li> <li>2. Reports from groups</li> </ol> <p>We provide a lengthy report which is over and above what the Charity Commission requires. Do we need to condense the</p>	Consider who might be CW	All



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		<p>report and make it more visually appealing for those who struggle to read large amounts of plain text? It is important to celebrate our achievements and look back on these. Can we make our annual report more like the parish profile? Can we be more creative in the way we present information, using video/PowerPoint etc? Do we do this as an annual report or space reports throughout the year? Think about this before the next PCC and then decide at February PCC. If interested in this creative approach, please email Pete and a group can get together as we plan something different for the next APCM. We can make it creative and concise. For 2023, consider whether we spread it throughout the year.</p>	Contact Pete if you are interested in creating a creative report for the APCM	Anyone!
2221	Vicar's Report	<p><b>Focus on the Future.</b> Intention to have an away day in Feb, everything put back. Pete will send paper out to people. Plan: Away day in Spring. Discussion about future of St Michaels. Watch this space. Waiting for clarity on Covid. Provisional date to follow. In between time. Steve and Ruth offered Sunday afternoon to go across to their home for a social time and chat. Catch up and coffee/cake/walk. Will look at potential dates. In next few weeks. Away day after this.</p> <p><b>Rotas and Church Suite.</b> Refreshments will hopefully begin again in February. If you are responsible for a rota of any kind, please put on Church Suite and keep up to date. Ken Ball or Rob K can help with any technical issues.</p> <p><b>Any comments about Christmas 2021?</b> Everyone happy with what happened over Christmas as it was a difficult time. Thanks to Pete for leading us all through it. We celebrated Christmas in a meaningful way. Local primary school came, and it went well. Staff and parents very touched. Pete's talk was relevant and perfect for the setting. <b>Note:</b> There are Still seeing some not attending. Lots of work to do to welcome people back. Pete has asked everyone to pass on names of those who might need contact.</p>	<p>Away Day Date</p> <p>Put all rotas on Church Suite</p> <p>Contact Pete if there are people you know who need contacting</p>	<p>Pete</p> <p>All</p>
2222	AOB	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b> Anne Stockdale told us the good news that Kingsway Café have retained level 5 food hygiene.</p>		



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		<p><b>Building:</b> Building Group need permission to go ahead to look at pieces of work:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Screen £20-25,000 to separate church from hall. Can't use hall and church at same time with current screen. Screen we have is worn out.</li> <li>2. Toilets: Urgent. Need to get a couple of contractors to quote. Another disabled toilet will be needed for when the hall is in use by another group.</li> <li>3. Scramblers room.</li> </ol> <p>Building group and subcommittee have the PCC's approval to go ahead although we need costs from the two contractors regarding the toilets. Next year is a deficit year. Will need to fund raise.</p> <p><b>Church weekend away:</b> May Bank Holiday. Speaker to be announced.</p>		
Next PCC		Date of next PCC 28 <sup>th</sup> February.		

