

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 26th July, 2022 on Zoom, at 8pm

<b>Present</b>	Ruth McKew (Chair)	Peter Webster
	David Blackmore	Sas McConville
	Peter Caldwell	
	Steve Powell	Alison Friery (Secretary)
	Andrew Evans	
	Ali Gibbons	<b>Apologies</b>
	Alan Gray	John Allan
	Andy Thorne	Peter Rugen
	Phil Roberts	John Stockdale
	Martin Smith	Anne Stockdale
	Anne de Reybekill	Andrew Harrison

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	<b>Welcome and Prayer</b>	Pete R had to leave at the beginning of the meeting to attend to an urgent family matter, and Ruth McKew took the chair.		
	<b>Minutes from June PCC Meeting</b>	Some small amendments were suggested to the minutes, and subject to these their approval was proposed by Ali G and seconded by Phil R, and they were approved by all present.		
	<b>Matters Arising</b>	The small team who were going to meet separately, to discuss further the DBS/safeguarding issues affecting preachers, (item 2263 from June refers) have been unable to meet so far.  Sas is still considering the type of staging needed at the front of the church, she is meeting with somebody from Mill View School to find out more.	PR, AS, AG & AE to meet to discuss further  S McC to consider further	
2266	<b>Staffing</b>	<b>Youth &amp; Young Adults Worker:</b> Alan G reported that he had been part of the panel who recently interviewed two candidates for the vacancy left by Rob's departure. Unfortunately neither were felt to be suitable and no appointment was made. Some of the young people were on the panel and asked good questions. Ruth McK commented that the youth had appreciated being involved. She also mentioned the current shortage of youth workers. Sas shared that she is to take on the youth leadership for now. Anne dR thanked Sas and asked how we could help. The post is not being readvertised until January 2023, and it was suggested that some of the money saved in salary could be spent on youth outings.		



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2267	<b>Financial update</b>	PLR presented to the meeting the half yearly financial statements, and these were unanimously approved by the PCC members present. The change of independent examiner was queried by PW, and PLR outlined some of the unfortunate time delays leading to this decision. A new examiner has already been appointed. PLR has written to SP suggesting that routine maintenance work, already planned for, should be carried out within this financial year.		
2268	<b>Safeguarding</b>	Anne Stockdale's report had already been circulated to members prior to the meeting. Ali G drew to our attention a link to the Diocese which is helpful, and the new requirement for training in the domestic abuse safeguarding training module. This should help inform decisions, even if no direct action is required.		
2269	<b>AOB</b>	Sas needs to be added to the email list to receive emails relating to the PCC. It was queried whether Pete R might need freeing up from leading the service this coming Sunday. Ali G said that there are often concerns and worries about the church finances but when we pray, God answers. Sas told us that the shelter in the garden is progressing and that Pete is involved in this.		
	<b>Prayer</b>	We closed the meeting in prayer.		
	<b>Next Meeting</b>	PCC Meeting on Monday, 19 <sup>th</sup> September 2022 at 8pm, at the Kings Way Café.		

