

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





Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 18th October 2022 at 8pm

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

Ref	Item	Notes	Action (req'd)	Who and by when
	Welcome & Prayer	Pete welcomed Members of the PCC and opened the meeting with a reading from Luke Ch 10 – The Harvest is Plentiful - and Prayer with the Commission to go...		
	Minutes from September PCC Meeting	Following some amendments to the draft copy the Minutes were Approved by Members of the PCC via email.		
	Matters Arising	<p>Safeguarding: Following the September meeting the DBS PCC Sub-group had met and Ali presented their Report (attached) to the Meeting.</p> <p>Pete raised a question as to whether it was appropriate for married couples to solely work with children (as he & Cath were currently leading the Youth Group).</p> <p>Ali replied that whilst this should be avoided there may times when it was unavoidable eg Staff/Volunteer shortages such as we are currently experiencing.</p> <p>Thanks were expressed to the group for their hard work with this complex subject.</p>	Sub group to meet & discuss	PR. Ali G. AS & AE
2277	Finance	<p>Phil circulated his Financial Report.</p> <p>Phil proposed that we accept the renewal quote from Trinitas – seconded by Ruth and accepted by all present.</p> <p>Energy – Costs for our Gas & Electricity have sharply risen (as they have for everyone). As there is so much volatility in the energy market Phil has proposed that the Finance Committee to monitor the situation and come back with a proposal next March. Accepted.</p> <p>Pete informed the meeting that Option 4 (ie appeal to the church body and the PCC to meet any shortfall) was the preferred choice by PCC Members with respect to the Appeal for</p>		(see email sent 13/10)

		Sandra's son, Chris, to gain entry to the UK. Pete had checked with the Diocese and this would be acceptable in cases of eg emergency, hardship etc and would not therefore set any precedent. Pete intends to accompany Sandra to see the solicitor handling this case who believes there is a good chance of success. (Appeals will be made to the congregation to help out by contributing to this cause)		
2278	Warm Spaces	Due to the fuel and cost of living crises with hardships expected for families and individuals who have to decide whether to eat or heat a national initiative has been launched whereby folks can go to public buildings eg libraries for warmth. Pete would like to register our church and the café as 'Warm Spaces' and possibly link it into our 'Meet & Eat' initiative but this might need further thinking on the best way forward and hours of availability.	PR	
2279	CYSG	Children & Youth Strategy Group. A rota has now been put in place until Christmas.	PR	PR
2280	Building/Fabric	H&S sub-group reported that the seats in church should be secured to one another in blocks of 4 but no more than 12. Due to the deteriorating condition of the supporting timber and lead to left hand vertical window panel it was suggested replacing it, together with the corresponding right hand panel, with clear glass, with a provisional agreement to proceed if no more than £1000. Peter Webster to see if it is repairable. (See photos below) The 2 unused Prayer Desks stored in the vestry haven't been used for several years. It was agreed to dispose and recycle them.		SP PW AT
2281	Christmas and New Year	Sun 18 th Dec –Nativity Service (am) Carol Service (pm) Sat 24 th Dec – Christingle Service Sun 25 th Dec – 10:00 Family Service & Communion. 1 st Jan – 'low key' service In addition, on the there will be Carol singing and switch on of the Christmas Tree lights at the Kingsway Shops. Church will host Mill View School for their Nativity on 14 th & 15 th Dec		

		12 th Dec – Cubs would like to help decorate the church hall tree. Due to pressure of work Pete is dropping the midweek Advent Study. “Growing on the Front Line” is the title of the New Year Stream Groups - 2 evening and 1 afternoon for whole church.		
2276	Staffing	There was a discussion on the church’s policy on paying Statutory Sick Pay for employee absence, and the decision reached is recorded in the appendix.		
2277	AOB	Banners - Pete asked for a budget of £500 to purchase new banners. Agreed		
		The meeting concluded with prayer by Pete and the sharing of the Grace		
	Next Meeting	Wednesday 23 rd November 8:00pm		

	<p>Damaged Area</p> 	
<p>Existing Window</p>		 <p>Proposal- replace the 2 side panels with clear glass.</p>
