

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

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20th March 2024, at the Kings Way Cafe, at 8pm.

Present	<i>Ali Gibbons (Chair)</i>		<i>Steve McKew</i>
	<i>Steve Powell</i>		<i>Anne Stockdale</i>
	<i>Peter Caldwell</i>		<i>John Stockdale</i>
	<i>Derek Taylor</i>		<i>Alison Friery (Secretary)</i>
	<i>Rebekah Benson</i>		
	<i>Andrew Evans</i>		
	<i>Anne de Reybekill</i>		
	<i>Martin Smith</i>	Apologies	<i>Alan Gray</i>
	<i>Andy Thorne</i>		<i>Ruth McKew</i>
	<i>Peter Webster</i>		

Ref	Item	Notes	Action (req'd)	Who and by when
	Welcome & Prayer	Ali welcomed everybody, and the meeting was opened with a reading from Luke 1, starting from verse 46, and a prayer.		
	Minutes from January PCC Meeting	The minutes were approved by members of the PCC. Proposed by Steve P, and seconded by Derek.		
	Matters Arising	None		
2421	Vacancies	Martin announced that he is retiring from PCC at this APCM, after twenty-six years in total on three PCCs. Peter Caldwell also announced that he is retiring on grounds of age. Both were thanked for their long service and contributions to PCC. There have been some suggestions emailed in for the role of church warden. Bec has made suggestions for filling the comms role. Steve McK will be assisting Anne S with safeguarding, and this will be announced in church.		
2422	Safeguarding Report	Anne S reported that there has been an update in the safeguarding requirements. Lots of new DBS certifications are needed, as it is 3 years since we came out of COVID restrictions. She needs people to reply, as she is having some IT problems. The Diocese are helpful to call, but not so much support is provided other than this. The change being made is immediate and with no notice. It has been in the Diocesan Newsletter, but details have not yet gone out to Safeguarding Officers. A response is to be sent to the Diocese. Anne and Steve McK are to make a plan. An email was recently circulated regarding an article highlighting the impact of growing paperwork and admin expectations on Wardens and their workload. Changes	Anne S, S McK	Discuss action

		in requirements are adding to the workload. Anne de R will talk to our current wardens about the burden, responsibilities and life of a Warden and report back in May.	Anne de R	Report back
2423	Houseparty	Andy T reported that there were 78 residents and also some day visitors. It was within budget, some gave extra donations and about 15 were fully or partially supported to come. Andy was thanked, and Lynn, Fiona, and Ken Owen were all mentioned as having taken leading roles. It was good, spiritual fun, with good relationships, and 18 young people. Next year's dates are to go in the notice sheet, and a picture montage is being created to show in the service on Sunday morning.		
2424	APCM Planning	The PCC are managing the APCM. Steve McK is happy to sort out the agenda, and chair a session. It will include sung worship and a question and answer session. The accounts and annual report are ready.		
2425	Parish Reps	An advertisement is to be placed through the New Wine network. The process has reached a more confidential stage now. It was agreed to place an advertisement in the Church Times at a cost of £1,000, and also with another church organisation where there is no charge. This was proposed by John S and seconded by Steve McK. It has been highlighted by Hennie Johnson that the church is a member of the North West Gospel Partnership, whose doctrines were changed in July 2022. This could be off-putting to female applicants, and it was agreed that we withdraw from membership, as long as we apply the same level of rigour to other partner organisations. Withdrawal was proposed by Anne S and seconded by Anne de R. Jenny is to be asked who else the church receives letters and emails from, to establish what else we may have joined. It was expressed that the PCC members are very grateful to the Parish Reps for all the work that they are doing.		
2426	Health & Safety	The annual report from the Health and Safety Committee was circulated prior to the meeting. The church window repair is highlighted as an urgent issue. A temporary repair was discussed, and the building group is to progress this. There is a risk of the window falling out. Appropriate action		

		was agreed upon, proposed by Ali and seconded by Andy T. First Aid training for the children's workers was discussed. The café staff have been trained already. Andy T is to deal with this, maybe partnering with All Saints Church to provide a training session, including use of a defibrillator. Proposed by Andy T and seconded by Anne S.	PW Andy T	Follow up Arrange training
2427	Buildings/fabric	Steve P reported that the Garden Room is now plastered and skimmed, the ceiling is asbestos-free and the car park manhole cover has been concreted around to prevent it from becoming a trip hazard. The boiler in Room 7 is giving trouble sometimes. The Vicarage has had new carpets laid on the stairs, landing and in two bedrooms. Phil R has found a new energy supplier and the Diocese are paying the bills up to when Pete finished. There have been two quotes from GoPac for various options, £5,500 and £7,200 plus an additional £1,000 for a trolley or valance surround. This was delegated to the buildings group, who were authorised to spend up to £10,000 + VAT to replace what we have. Proposed by Steve P and seconded by Andrew E.		
2428	Summer Services	Andrew E. asked that we mention in the notices that help with the summer services would be welcomed. Ella would like to do something when home and will be given support. There will be some children's events and a Meet and Eat in August, these will be put together onto a flyer for distribution around the parish, as was done with the Christmas and Easter postcards.		
2429	AOB	Mick and Jane Bull would like to do an Alpha Course, to include parents of young children. The PCC Awayday will be held after the new Vicar starts. Following Phil's resignation from PCC, Andrew E will find out whether a treasurer has to be a trustee.	AE	Research
		The meeting concluded with the sharing of the Grace and a prayer.		
	Next Meetings	APCM 22 nd April, then Monday 20 th May 2024, 8pm, at the Kings Way Café.		