

ST BARNABAS CHURCH, EMMER GREEN

Minutes of Meeting 04-2019 of the PCC held on Tuesday 10th Sep 2019 at 7.45pm in the Parish Centre

Present

1. Rev. Derek Chandler (Chair), (DC), Bob Abel (BA) (Treasurer); Mark Burton (MB), Felicity Chapman (FC), Richard Cunningham (RC), Susie Downer (SD) Roger Moore (RM)

Welcome and Prayers.

2. DC opened the meeting with the reading from Mark Chapter 4 where Jesus calms the storm and asks the disciples "Why are you frightened? Have you still no faith?" PCC members reflected on the reading, following which, DC said a prayer for all those facing chaos in their lives.

Apologies for Absence

3. David Howell, Wendy Howell and Sandra Rice

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4. The minutes of meeting 03/2019 held on Tuesday 30th April 2019, with an amendment to note the apology for absence from Susie Downer, were accepted and signed.

Actions and Matters Arising

5. Para 5 – FC reported Safeguarding Policy had been posted on Website
6. Para 10 – RM reported that he had written to Mark Hinckley but had not yet received a reply.
7. Para 18 – Deanery Synod Term Limits – RM had forwarded the PCC decision
8. Para 22 – Youth Worker – Action ongoing

Correspondence

9. Derek reported on correspondence with a potential volunteer. Elizabeth Targaryen Tyler a Microsoft employee, who already volunteers for Age UK, has offered to hold workshops to help with IT issues. It was suggested that Tuesday morning would be a good time as there would be other people around including the Craft Group who might also wish to take advantage of the free consultancy. After discussion PCC approved the proposal

Health and Safety

10. No incidents to report. PCC to note the 2 yearly review of the H&S policy statement will be conducted in October.

Safeguarding

11. BA spoke to a note produced by Joy Abel covering issues associated with Safeguarding in particular the current level of compliance with training requirements and the need to have a better understanding of Diocesan policy. It was noted that:
 - current DBS checking was up-to-date; and that an additional member would be added to the list for future action.
 - to meet C of E central requirements, the safeguarding policy had been updated prior to posting on the website
 - there had been no safeguarding incidents

Financial

12. BA reported on the current financial status

Parochial Fees

13. BA introduced a paper on Parochial Fees which had been circulated to PCC members prior to the meeting. BA explained the rationale.
14. Recommendations from the Standing Committee are:
 - The PCC is asked to approve increases in non-statutory fees for weddings and funerals which are broadly in line with increases in the Retail Price Index
 - The PCC is invited to agree that fees should not be waived for long standing members. This is consistent with guidance from the Archbishops' Council in relation to statutory fees.
15. Following discussion: the PCC agreed unanimously to increase fees in line with RPI and also agreed unanimously not to waive fees for long standing members.
16. It was agreed unanimously that DC, when discussing services and the potential for a choir, should always caveat with "subject to availability"

Website

17. DC requested that the minutes reflect the PCC's sincere thanks to Chris Fitzsimmons, Felicity Chapman and Alison Johnston for all their hard work in creating and trouble shooting the new website.

Church and Wider Church

18. DC reported on the Bishop of Oxford's prayer walk which culminated at St Barnabas on Wednesday 4 Sep
19. Derek noted that there will be a open church meeting at Caversham Park Church on 3rd November to discuss the Report of the CPC Review. The Report itself should be available at the end of October.
20. The PCC were informed by Derek that the new minister for Caversham Heights and Gosbrook Road Methodist Churches was formally welcomed on Sunday afternoon at Caversham Heights Methodist Church. Rev. Martin Beukes and his wife Nicole were previously ministering in South Africa before arriving in Caversham.

AOB

21. The PCC agreed to give gift tokens of £25 to two young church members who were starting university.

Future Dates

22. 19th Nov; 11th Feb; AGM 22nd March