

ST BARNABAS CHURCH, EMMER GREEN, READING

Minutes of Meeting 05/2022 of the PCC held on Tuesday 3rd May at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre

Present

David Howell (Chair)(Churchwarden) (DH), Wendy Howell (Asst Churchwarden) (WH), Joy Abel (Assistant Churchwarden)(JA), Bob Abel (BA), Mark Burton (MB), Felicity Chapman (FC), Susie Downer (SD), Irene Lindsay (IL), Noel Drury (ND), Richard Cunningham (RC), Roger Moore (RM) (PCC Secretary)

Opening Remarks, Welcome and Prayers

DH opened the meeting with a reading from “Jesus and Peter” by John Bell and Graham Maule and a prayer of preparation for the meeting..

Approval of Minutes 03/2022

The minutes were approved unanimously and signed by DH.

Actions and Matters Arising

WH raised the issue of the £140 owed by CTC. BA reported that the matter was ongoing.

Health and Safety.

Nothing to report.

Safeguarding

Nothing to report. JA gave advanced warning that the Safeguarding policy would need to be approved at the next PCC meeting as part of the annual review.

Vacancy – Update

DH reported that there had not been any communication with the Archdeacon. In discussion it was noted that the proposed changes to the benefice and the appointment of an incumbent would be on the agenda of the next Archdeaconry Mission and Pastoral Committee in June.

Profile – Mission

ND noted a number of comments from PCC members and agreed to produce an updated draft. Among the issues raised were: the need for a comprehensive description of the services pre Covid, the importance of consistency of terminology, avoidance of jargon, care with choice of words eg pride. Members thanked Noel for his hard work without which there would not have been such a productive debate.

Profile – Person Specification.

RM had circulated to members a modified version of MB's original draft. Members were generally content with this but were concerned that it seemed to describe a steady middle of the road minister. It was suggested and agreed that the introduction of terms such as "pioneering" and a possible modification of "experienced" may open the field to a younger appointment.

Profile Interview Criteria

Comments to be sent to Mark.

AOB

Proposal to have a memorial bench was discussed and members agreed to postpone a decision. RM to contact gardening group for an assessment.

Dates of Future Meetings:

PCC: Tuesday 31st May

