

ST BARNABAS CHURCH, EMMER GREEN, READING

Minutes of Meeting 07/2022 of the PCC held on Tuesday 7th June 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), 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 Proverbs 17 and a prayer

Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Felicity Chapman

Approval of Minutes 06/2022

The minutes were approved unanimously and signed by DH.

Actions and Matters Arising

Carried forward

Health and Safety.

Nothing to report.

Safeguarding

Nothing to report.

Pattern of Services.

DH tabled a new pattern of services rota for the period July 2022 until September 2022 for PCC agreement. This had been circulated to members prior to the meeting. DH explained that there were gaps in the rota for Sunday communion services and due to Canon law there was a need to seek authorisation when communion could not be delivered on a Sunday.

RM asked if all potential clergy had been approached to fill the gaps including the Revd Alan Race. DH reported that the schedule had been produced by Revd Mike Smith and he was unaware of the clergy he might have approached.

RM expressed his concerns that Revd Alan Race might have been able to fill these gaps and was being disbarred from preaching at St Barnabas without PCC agreement.

DH said that the PCC had no role in the matter and that St Barnabas' Ministry Team had recommended to the Leadership team that Revd Race be removed from the rota. DH noted that 9 members of the church had complained about Revd Race's preaching and one couple had refused to take communion from him.

To regularize matters, RM ask the Chair (DH) to allow the PCC to discuss the concerns raised by congregants and take a vote on whether Revd Race should be allowed to preach at St Barnabas. DH said that as this was neither a specific agenda item nor a AOB item and because of the limited time available he would not allow it. MB suggested as a point of order that as the rota had been put forward for discussion and agreement the matter was on the table for discussion. DH emphasised the importance of concentrating on the Profile and refused to allow specific discussion and a vote on whether Revd Race could preach at St Barnabas. DH suggested this could possibly be discussed at a later date.

DH sought approval of the rota. It was approved with two abstentions: Irene Lindsay and Roger Moore.

Profile

The profile was reviewed, and changes proposed and accepted. DH to produce a revised version by Monday 13th. SD thanked all those involved in the production of the draft for their hard work.

Section 11 meeting

DH confirmed that at the Section 11 meeting two representatives would need to be elected. [Sec Note: Representative must be members of the PCC, see requirements in Annex A below]

AOB

No AOB

Closing prayer

RM closed the meeting with a prayer

Annex A

Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986

11Requirements as to meetings of parochial church council.

(1)[[F19](#)As soon as practicable after the start date specified in the notice under section 7(4) and in any event before the end of the period of six months beginning with that date, one or more meetings of the parochial church council] shall be held for the purposes of—

(a)preparing a statement describing the conditions, needs and traditions of the parish;

(b)appointing two lay members of the council to act as representatives of the council in connection with the selection of an incumbent.

- (c)deciding whether to request the registered patron to consider advertising the vacancy;
- (d)deciding whether to request a meeting under section 12 of this Measure; [F20](#). . .
- (e)deciding whether to request a statement in writing from the bishop describing in relation to the benefice the needs of the diocese and the wider interests of the Church [F21](#)[F22](#) ...].

