

ST BARNABAS CHURCH, EMMER GREEN

Minutes of Meeting 03-2019 of the PCC held on Tuesday 2nd July 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), David Howell (DH) (Church Warden); Wendy Howell (WH), Sandra Rice (Church Warden) Roger Moore (RM)

Welcome and Prayers.

2. DH opened the meeting with a prayer.

Apologies for Absence

3. None.

Minutes of meeting 02 -2019

4. The minutes of meeting 02/2019 held on Tuesday 30th April 2019 were accepted and signed.

Actions and Matters Arising

5. Area Dean – RM reported that following the meeting he received comments from members and sent a response (circulated to PCC members) to the Deanery Synod Secretary copied to the Area Dean. The Area Dean gave his thanks for the response and advised that the issue would be addressed in the coming months.

Health and Safety

6. Nothing to report

Safeguarding

7. DH reported 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 **Action FC**
 - there had been no safeguarding incidents

Financial

8. BA reported that: Funds from the Garden Party and Handyman sale would be given to the African charities in July rather than at the end of the year. BA noted the church had received a donation of £100 in memory of Joy Wallbank. He also reported that funds had been approved at Standing Committee for tree and general maintenance.
9. DH reported that he was seeking quotes for grills to protect the stain glass windows to replace the current perspex sheets which are deteriorating.

Pastoral Care

10. DC reported that in response to staff changes and their impact on pastoral care e.g. the loss of Elizabeth Gash and David Little and Margaret Dimmick's reduced work load; there were initial meetings a year ago to look at the matter. More recently, things have moved ahead with a smaller group comprising Mark, Joy, David and Derek. This team is now meeting monthly. The challenge now is how to put pastoral care on a more official/organized basis. DC explained that a calendar will be used to ensure that there is clarity about who is visiting whom and that current and evolving needs are identified and logged.
11. RC asked if there would be a need for more volunteers. DC responded that two or three individuals had been identified and he would be taking matters forward. DC stressed that pastoral care was an activity carried out under the authority of the incumbent and was different from, and not a substitute for, normal acts of friendship.

Deanery Synod Term Limits

12. MB expressed his concerns that putting limits on the period of membership whilst having a potentially good aim of refreshing the membership of the Synod would in practice denude the body of lay members affecting the balance between lay and clergy.
13. FC suggested that there was a need for experience before individuals could contribute effectively and two terms may be too limiting.
14. WH noted from experience in other organizations that term limits can be a stimulus to acquiring new blood.
15. BA having perused the papers suggested that the APCM would be able to override the term limit in extremis.

16. It was proposed by RM and seconded by DH that Option 1 (a limit of two consecutive terms of 3 years) be adopted. This was passed 8 to 1. MB dissenting. **Action RM to notify**

John Volland

17. DC explained that John Volland, a former teacher, had explored his desire to become a local lay preacher with him. Following very positive responses to John's recent preaching at both 8am and 9.30am services PCC members expressed their confidence in John's potential and passed the following motion unanimously.
18. "We the PCC of St Barnabas Church, Emmer Green, give our approval to the incumbent, the Revd Derek Chandler, to recommend to the Bishop of Reading the licensing of Mr John Volland to officiate as a Licensed Local Preacher at St Barnabas Church, Emmer Green"
19. PCC also agreed unanimously to cover the costs of the training involved in becoming a Licensed Local Preacher.

Grace Church – Youth Work Proposal

20. Following discussion of the potential benefits and risks associated with the proposal the PCC unanimously agreed in principle that Grace Church could use the Parish Centre on Wednesday afternoons in term time for youth work given satisfactory assurances on: H &S, insurance, safeguarding and roles and responsibilities.
- Action DH: to discuss with the Grace Church youth worker Mark Brown the details**

3rd Space

21. DH reported that he had applied for a Deanery grant and had answered follow up questions and was now waiting to see if the application had been successful. MB suggested the matter would be considered at the next Deanery Synod Standing Committee.

AOB

22. WH informed the meeting that the Parish Centre was to be used on Thursday evening, July 4th, for Reading Family Aid's AGM & committee meeting and that the Mayor of Reading was expected to attend as Reading Family Aid is one of his chosen Charities for the year.

Future Dates

23. 10th Sept and 19th Nov

PCC 03-2019