

ST BARNABAS CHURCH, EMMER GREEN

Minutes of Meeting 05-2018 of the PCC held on Tuesday 20th Sept 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), David Howell (DH) (Church Warden); Wendy Howell (WH), Alison Johnson (AJ) (Caversham Park church warden), Sandra Rice(SR) (Church Warden) Roger Moore (RM)

Welcome and Prayers.

2. DH opened the meeting with a prayer and a reading and reflection on Colossians 1 v15-20.

Apologies for Absence

3. Hilary Lee

Minutes of meeting 04 -2018

4. The minutes of meeting 04/2018 held on Tuesday 11th Sept 2018 were accepted and signed.

Actions and Matters Arising

5. AV Systems. - Para 5 - PCC 04-2018 Ongoing **DH and AJ**
6. First Aiders – Para 7 - PCC 04 -2018 Ongoing. **RM**
7. Yvonne Morris to come to St Barnabas to lead a discussion. - Para 26 - PCC 04-2018 Ongoing **DC**

Health and Safety

8. Nothing to report

Safeguarding

9. There was a general discussion of the courses available and who needs to attend. There was some doubt about the formal value of courses attended in the past and whether they would count under the new system. RM raised the issue of checks for those who run the monthly Lunch Club and Busy Bees. DH to investigate. **Action DH.**

Energy Audit – (Paper 1 -05 -2018)

10. Energy efficiency can improve the warmth and illumination of our churches. One of the significant barriers is knowing what positive actions can be taken. To help the Diocese of Oxford and the Trust for Oxfordshire Environment are piloting a scheme which allows churches to apply for a discounted energy audit and possible small implementation grants.
11. It was proposed that St Barnabas apply for an audit grant, this was approved unanimously.

Charitable Giving

12. The proposals put forward (Paper 2 PCC 05-2018) by the Church Wardens for Charitable Giving were agreed unanimously.

3rd Space

13. DH explained the proposal and the research that had been done looking at other churches and seeking the opinions of local families. The proposal is similar in concept to “Cafe” church it would be an ‘all-inclusive’ gathering on the last Sunday of each month starting on 27th January 2019. This initiative would be separate and distinct from COGS which operates in a more structured environment.
14. PCC approved the proposal unanimously

Finance

15. Parish Giving Scheme. RC explained the current state of take up of the Parish Giving Scheme. He tabled a paper outlining the distribution between standing orders and the PGS. He suggested a push to improve take-up would be worthwhile. RC to draft note for pew sheet. **Action RC**
16. Bequest. BA reported that he had received a bequest of £1000 from Jane Warren who had expressed her thanks for all those who helped with her late husband’s funeral. BA had written thanking Mrs Warren for the bequest.

Joyce Bedingfield

17. RM reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Joyce. The whole meeting requested that the Secretary write to Joyce expressing their thanks and appreciation for her thoughtful contributions.

Church

18. DC reminded the meeting about the upcoming confirmation service and the request that as many as possible attend.
19. DC on behalf of Haley and himself passed on heartfelt thanks to everyone for their generosity with regard to their recent wedding.

Wider Church

20. MB outlined a paper which had been circulated to PCC members. It provides a brief introduction to a much more comprehensive Report, and the Outline Strategy being presented to Diocesan Synod for the first five years of its implementation 2019-23. It is aimed at the Bishop's Council strategic goal of, 'Planting New Churches and Congregations Wherever We Can'.
21. Following discussion, it was felt more appropriate at this time to seek a small Deanery Synod grant to help with the 3rd Space initiative. **AJ, MB and RM to provide advice**

Any other Business

22. Electoral Roll. RC sought advice on producing the new Electoral Roll. It was agreed that the current St Barnabas Church members would be divided amongst PCC members who would 'chase up' completion of the forms. It was noted that the Roll must be completed not later than 15 days before the APCM and not earlier than 28 days before the APCM. Notice must be given under the Church Representation Rules that a new roll is to be published. Forms should be placed at the back of the church.
23. Annual Report. RM informed that all contributions to the Annual Report need to be with him by end Jan at the latest.

Future Meetings

12th Feb 2019
APCM Sunday 24th March