

ST MARY MAGDALEN, KNIGHTON
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

Thursday 3 May 2018

Present:

Revd Adrian Jones (Vicar) (Chairman), Angelica Amoroso (for items 18/8 and 18/9), Revd Neil Bullen, Carolyn Oldershaw, Celia Owczarek, Bob Rutland, Nigel Siesage (Acting Secretary), David Stanyer.

Apologies for absence were received from Mary Britton, Simon Britton, Rosalind Matthew, Anne Squires and Tanya Willis.

18/8 Prayers and reflection

The Vicar led the meeting in prayer and a reflection on Acts 5.27-42.

18/9 Strategy: cherishing the past, shaping the future, planting for tomorrow

The Council considered a paper by the Vicar setting out his observations and conclusions following the extensive process of consultation with members of the Parish which had been conducted over recent months.

The Council warmly welcomed the paper, and thanked the Vicar for his clear and fair analysis of the present position.

It was noted that, although the meeting was quorate, several members were unavoidably absent, and it was agreed that, given its importance, the paper should be subject to further discussion. The Vicar should consult the absent members in the meantime about specific proposals, and there should be further discussion at the next meeting.

Action: Vicar

18/10 Transport to Church

It was noted that requests were received from time to time for assistance with transport to services. The size and age of the congregation increased the demand for this support while reducing the capacity to provide it. It was agreed that the issue was relevant to the strategic matters prompted by the Vicar's paper. It should therefore be considered in that context and the specific question of assistance with transport reviewed in six months' time.

Action: Vicar/Secretary

18/11 PCC Secretary

No volunteers had come forward following the resignation of Simon Britton from this position. The Vicar had carried out an analysis of the functions, with a view to their being distributed. Council agreed that this document should be circulated to members.

Action: Vicar/All

18/12 Parish Gift

Council noted the request for an increase in the Parish's diocesan contribution, and agreed to consider this at a special meeting to be convened for this item alone after the 10 am service on a date to be arranged, prior to the next scheduled full meeting.

Action: Vicar

18/13 Toilet twinning

A proposal that the Parish might support the charity which operated the Toilet Twinning scheme was welcomed.

18/14 Sound system

The Council agreed to a suggestion that more people should be trained to operate the sound system, and that a training session should also be arranged for people who regularly used the microphones.

18/15 Minutes of PCC

The minutes of the following meetings were taken as read and, subject to any amendments specified below, approved as a correct record:

- a) PCC meetings held on 11th January, 22nd March, and 15th April 2018.
In the minutes of 22 March 2018, the following minutes, previously unnumbered, were numbered as follows:
17/86 General Data Protection Regulation
17/87 Church of England Policy on domestic abuse
17/88 Revd Neil Training
17/89 Date and Time of Next Meeting
- b) Confidential minutes of the PCC meetings held on 9th March 2017, 11th January and 22nd March 2018.

18/16 Minutes of Sub-Committees

The minutes of the following sub-committees and groups were received:

- a) Standing Committee: minutes of meeting held on 8th March 2018
- b) Social and Fundraising Group: minutes of meeting held on 29th January
- c) World War One Centenary Group: notes of meeting held on 12th April, with draft programme of events

It was noted that the Building Group's meeting held on 27 April 2018, and the Social and Fundraising Group's meeting held on 23 April 2018 would be considered at the next meeting. There had been no recent meeting of the Worship and Outreach Development Group.

18/17 Safeguarding

There were no developments to report.

18/18 **Health and Safety**

There were no developments to report.

18/19 **Church dates**

The current schedule of events was received. Council noted and approved the suggestion that Harvest should be celebrated on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 October. It was agreed that further work was needed to fill out the dates between the present and Christmas.

Action: Vicar

18/20 **Presentation of PCC Papers**

Suggestions were made as to the numbering and presentation of PCC agenda papers.

18/21 **Next meeting**

The next full meeting would be held on **Tuesday 3 July** 2018 at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre Lounge. Written reports must be submitted **to the Vicar by Friday 22 June.**

The meeting closed with the Grace.

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