

CHURCH OF SAINT PETER, HENLEAZE



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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held on Thursday 25th January 2018

<u>Ex-Officio Members</u>	
Clergy	
The Revd Canon Mark Pilgrim	Present
The Revd Iain McColl	Present
Lay Ministers	
Ian Love	Apologies
Sarah Thomas	Present
Kathy Kilgour	Present
Churchwardens	
David Cottrell	Present
Moira McMurrin	Present
2014 Deanery Synod Reps	
[Kathy Kilgour]	[Present]
[David Cottrell]	[Present]
Sarah Thorne	Present
(vacancy)	

	<u>Elected Members</u>	
2017	Emma Bolton	Present
	David Fenna (Treasurer)	Present
	Alistair Robinson	Present
	Ricky Winn	Present
	Jane Crawford	Present
2016	Mary Goronwy	Apologies
	Catherine Leask	Present
	Wendy Young	Present
	Mike Leddra	Present
	(vacancy)	
2015	Peter Dyer	Apologies
	Sandy Hollinghurst	Apologies
	Judy Winn	Apologies
	Erik Dirdal (Secretary)	Present

Attendance 16 / 21 = 90%

Note: The required quorum for the meeting is one third of the members, i.e. 7.

Observers & guests:

Alan Cook - guest
 Ian Cooper
 Catherine Ford
 Jon Richer
 Cathy Pearce

The meeting was chaired by the Vicar.

1. Reflection and Prayer

Sarah Thomas led with prayers around the altar.

2. Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Judy Winn, Peter Dyer, Sandra Hollinghurst, Mary Goronwy, and Ian Love.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 29/11/17 were accepted, and signed by the chair.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Westbury Welcome

Alan Cook delivered a presentation to the PCC explaining the background to the Westbury Welcome initiative and explaining how we might take part in this community initiative. Key elements:

- a. To provide housing and integration into the local community for a Syrian refugee family
- b. Need to raise £4,500 per adult (i.e. £9,000 for a family with two parents) initially
- c. Need to find self-contained accommodation for which benefits can cover £800/month
- d. Continue to offer support to help integration into the local community
- e. This initial programme lasts for two years beyond which they are expected to manage for themselves

The PCC thanked Alan for his interesting and informative presentation and agreed to reflect on the issues.

6. Standing Committee Report

See reports.

7. Planning Team Report

The PCC reviewed the SMART targets for 2018. Refer to the report for references:

7.1 Engage a Youth Worker

A potential candidate to become a youth worker has been identified. [MP] is to gather the youth leaders to explore and agree the needs, job specification, hours etc

7.2 Engage a Choir Director

It remains the intention to engage a choir director. Joy Hollamby has offered to help as best she can but could not take on the full role. Her next ambition is to arrange an Easter choral evensong.

Jon Richer agreed that it would be great if a suitable candidate came forwards to fulfil the role.

It was agreed that we need to continue to seek.

Cathy Pearce enquired whether there was a plan to support singing at the 9.45am service – the answer is not directly without a musical director.

7.4.1 HeartEdge

HeartEdge is proving helpful and SPH should benefit from the resources available.

Resolution: *“That the PCC adopt the SMART Targets for 2018 as presented”.*

Proposed by Moira McMurrin
Seconded by David Cottrell
The resolution was carried unanimously.

8. Worship Ministry

8.1 Organist and Choir Director updates

Pavlos has been appointed as organist. In July he travels to London for 8 months to complete his PhD and help in finding substitute organists during that time will be sought.

The choir offering is to be reviewed once Pavlos starts and should be discussed again at a future meeting. Jon Richer and Cathy Pearce (observers) offered to join in future discussion to find a way forwards. An Easter Evensong has been proposed and Cathy kindly offered support should this materialise.

8.2 Name of the “9.45”am Sunday Service

Resolution: *“That for a trial period of 6 months the 9.45am service be referred to in publicity and on notices as ‘Morning Worship with Communion’. The trial to be reviewed and adapted in the light of experience.”.*

Proposed by Erik Dirdal
Seconded by Sarah Thorne
The resolution was carried unanimously.

8.3 Foundation Update

Currently a team of 7-8 people is being assembled to lead the service, including the Vicar. It is considered helpful to have a (paid) person for one day per week to help it along. Matt Parsons has been proposed for this role, and the Rosemary Painton-Smith Fund could be used to pay for this. There is currently a pool of around 50 involved in Foundation.

8.4 Sarah Thomas’s licence as a lay preacher has just expired.

Resolution: *“That Sarah Thomas be invited to be relicensed”.*

Proposed by Mark Pilgrim
Seconded by Kathy Kilgour
The resolution was carried unanimously.

9. Refreshments

10. Discipleship Ministry

10.1 House Groups

The new House Group season will be commencing soon. The theme is “Power Unpicked”. A sign-up sheet will be available shortly.

10.2 HeartEdge

The vicar recently attended a HeartEdge meeting called "How to Keep the Fire of Faith Fuelled". This could be adapted in many ways which the vicar would like to explore, for example a silent retreat or connecting to God through art.

10.3 Parish Weekend

7th – 9th September @ Lindors, Forest of Dean.

David Cottrell is looking into a provider for activities, particularly for children e.g. bushcraft.

11. Youth Ministry

11.1 Young Seekers

New resource material is being trialled and is proving largely successful.

11.2 Youth Worker

A candidate has been identified for interview.

11.3 Admission of the Baptised to Communion

Each diocese has its own policy with regards to children taking communion. Should St Peter's wish to have a variant policy then this needs to be driven by the PCC. An open consultation meeting with the congregation would be required and the Bishop's consultant would be involved. The PCC would need to pass a resolution and paperwork passed to the Bishop.

The Bristol Diocese has a minimum age limit of 6 years. However if you have received communion in another diocese then you have a right to continue irrespective of age. However a register of such children should be kept and the certificate of baptism should be amended to confirm that this is the case.

It was agreed that this issue would best be discussed in a future meeting following further research and consideration.

12. Social and Outreach Ministry

12.1 Uganda

A lunch is being arranged with a presentation by Chris Dobson freshly back from the region. The event would raise money through tickets and donations.

Thanks have been received from recipients of donations in Uganda.

13. Finance Ministry including Treasurer's Report

13.1 Hall

The hall is proving to be very profitable. Thanks were offered to Emma Woodworth for her efficient administration.

14. Site Committee

Refer to report

15. Safe and Welcome Ministry

Refer to report

16. Pastoral Ministry

Refer to report

17. Synod Reports: Deanery, Diocesan and General

Refer to report

18. AOB

19. Review of meeting

It was agreed that Reg Parker would be contacted by the vicar to see whether he would appreciate having a commemoration to his years of service.

The Westbury Welcome presentation by Alan Cook had been inspirational. There are a number of people in the area with relevant business skills. Maybe we should set up a working group. Meanwhile let's think and pray and consider inviting Alan back again.

20. Prayer and depart

The PCC shared in the Grace.

The next PCC meeting is on **Tue 20th March** at 7.30pm, in the church.

Next Planning Committee meeting is on 07/03/18, thence on 04/05/18.

~~*These minutes issued, with a request for reports, by the PCC Secretary by 06/03/18*~~

~~*Reports to be returned to PCC Secretary by 12/03/18*~~

~~*Agenda and reports to be issued to PCC on 13/03/18*~~

Forthcoming PCC meetings (All commence in the church at 7.30pm):

Thu 24/05/18

Thu 05/07/18

Tue 18/09/18

Thu 25/10/18

Tue 20/11/18

APCM: Sun 29/04/18.