

BTCP PCC Meeting
Monday 3rd December 2018 – 7.30pm
Parry's Café - St Peter's Church

MINUTES

1. The meeting opened at 7.30pm with a prayer

Present:

The Rev'd Dr Ian Terry (Team Rector) Chairman
Lisa Babb (PCC Secretary)
Jane MacDonald-Styslinger (Parish Warden)
Janet Lawrence (Dep Church Warden St Augustin's)
June Deedman (Dep Church Warden St Augustin's)
Ruth Beasant (Treasurer - St Augustin's)
Stephen Chappell (Deanery Synod Rep - SS)
Dr Rob Sawdy (Parish Warden)
Helen Holmes (Deanery Synod Rep SS)

2. Apologies

Mark Holiday (PCC Treasurer)
Virginia Beck (Dep Church Warden St Peter's)
Ronalyn Richard (Dep Church Warden St Peter's)
Colin Beck (Deanery Synod Rep)

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting on 8th October 2018

- Proposed JMS, Seconded JL
- Unanimous approval

4. Matters Arising from those minutes

- None

5. Finance

- MH needs to give the PCC an overview of each Wave category as there is a level of confusion about whether they can be changed, as currently the categories aren't 'church friendly' and therefore don't match our internal categories.
- PCC in agreement that the 2019 budget remains at the same level
- No one is aware of any extraordinary expenditure looming
- RS reiterated that the move to online banking and accounting comes from the Diocese and will make us compliant with 'best practice'.
- RBeasant raised issues with Wave and Nat West statements - not able to copy across directly
 - LB suggested a meeting with T Hicks, as he is ahead with Wave
 - IAT said not now - leave it til the New Year
 - HH asked what other parishes are using - RS to investigate with Colin Harbridge. JMS said that Methodist churches are using Wave
 - LB suggested 'collective training' was needed

- Minuted gratitude to MH who has spent a lot of volunteer time researching and finding the best free system he could find and producing a clear budget for next year.
- 2019 budget approval
 - Propose LB, seconded RS, unanimous approval

One Bank Approach

- Santander or HSBC are the suggestions from a small working party from St Stephen's
- JMS asked why, after passing the approval to use Nat West across the board months ago this was still a topic on the table
- LB had suggested Santander over a year ago for the Dev Project as lower cash transactions than the individual churches which they were charging for back then, great online banking flexibility plus statements can be booted into excel easily so should work with Wave. Assume Santander have changed their terms to no fee?
- RS stated that there was no good reason not to move to Nat West and the decision should not be driven by 'personal, human factors' such as it's not close to individuals' homes as the individuals change over time.
- SC said he didn't have an issue with paying the St Stephen's money into Nat West as it's the closest bank to the church.
- IAT will take this back to the St Stephen's DCC in January and explain the feeling from PCC

Parish Share

- JMS explained that St Augustin's have received a 2yr remission
- Minuted thanks to JMS and to IAT for their diligence on this issue.

Card Readers

- LB talked broad overview of the idea.
- PCC approved, in principal, the trialling of this in one church
- R Bichard to follow up with further research and bring suggestion to the PCC in early 2019

6. Vision & Mission – Autumn 'Faith into Action' study course

BMO Update

- IAT summarised the extraordinary PCC mtg for those who weren't present that Paul Moore thought it was already in place two years ago

Sharp Edges

- Due to the success, the consensus within those who attended the course was for more groups, so it will recommence again in February.
- Minuted thanks to RS for his input into these sessions

St Swithun's

- RS made the point that they are a resource church - which means they should be helping other churches - and BTCP needs help and therefore needs to push back and ask them for it.
 - IAT agreed and said they need to help each church within their own identity and not trying to force their way on others as they have done.

- RS made the point that they have two curates as well as their two FT vicars
- IAT told the PCC that Jenny Nightingale said where there is a BMO, the Parish Priest should be a trustee on their board of trustees - to ensure they are held account on their need to collaborate

7. St Augustin's, Stewardship & Bourne Awesome Update

Stewardship

- RS updated the group about the meeting he had had with St As
- The group decided a stewardship campaign was needed in January with RS leading the discussion on 'evening up the plate' and helping the congregation understand what is a reasonable level of giving.
 - With the understanding that this won't fix everything but will make inroads
- RS wanted to thanks RB, JL & JD for bringing us from the dark into the light, as we now know where we stand
- Lettings appear to net us £2k per year, which is not a viable business model. More work needs to be done to examine the figures more closely
- IAT really pleased that the message will be going out to St Augustin's as it is the same issue at St Peter's and we need to keep saying it until it is understood.

Bourne Awesome Update

- IAT stated that the Bourne/Platinum Properties deal will protect the worshipping community and will only be to rent the annexe, as soon as possible during 2019.
 - PCC is the body that has responsibility for all buildings
 - It will be the PCC not the DCC that will be responsible for setting the rental rates and agreement with Richard Davis and must have a missional common good purpose and included opening and closing up the church each day to keep it open to the community.
 - IAT to share this vision at the DCC on 10th January 2019
 - Hope in the Community is all about handling loneliness across all age ranges - becoming a greater issue.
 - IAT is working with BU's SUBU to create a 'drop in' space at St Augustin's for students - a very exciting venture
- IAT said his plan is that after 10th January, St Augustin's will then have their ADCM and will cease to operate as a separate church and Richard Davis will then take over the annexe.
 - IAT, JMS & LB to meet Richard Davis in January to assess where he is in terms of timing, finance etc.
- IAT asked for formal approval to take this way forward for an experimental period
 - Unanimous approval given

8. DCC Church Reports

St Stephen's

- Electrical testing - SC gave overview. IAT move - unanimous approval
- Brailey Road - minuted thanks to Adrian Scott for his hard work. IAT move - unanimous approval
- Rose Window - Adrian Scott has taken this project back. JMS happy to drop the Diocese a line about extension
- Hall
 - Cleanliness
 - Major lobbying ongoing with the council about toilet facilities for the homeless being made available, as woefully inadequate at present and St Stephen's bearing the brunt
 - Electrical wiring
 - Kevin Wilkins - Unanimous approval
 - Hall redecoration
 - Keith the tenant has offered to do this for £1,000. Agreed this can wait a little longer
- Festival Budget
 - To give Sean Tucker an honorarium as St Stephen's do not employ him for his services
 - Review of the Festival budget
 - Ian Harrison's request for a Yamaha piano from the music budget
 - Unanimous approval given for all items

St Augustin's

- Emergency Lighting - quotes for £970 & £720. Agreed that annexe has to be done as in breach of health and safety for renters.
- Tree work - need to check on quotation vs work done.
- Annexe Roof - outstanding issue with further investigation on St Augustin's. JMS to meet with Mike Rickman on Friday to talk through his written report, which he still needs to provide her with. Flashing interim repair in hand and will happen, though this may not fix the leaking problems.

St Peter's Development Project

- Statement of Significance - Dev not just for buildings but for the church community. Can develop partnerships and extend into the community.
- DAC meeting to seek their OK for proper architectural plans to be drawn up.
- Extra meeting rooms built, with glass, for safeguarding purposes as current arrangement all in the back behind closed doors, leaving employees exposed.
- Around the lychgate area - digital rooms for storytelling, showcasing the history of B'mth and work in with the music/literary history of St Peter's - get more students in through the doors
- JMS talked through the garden plans
- IAT summarised - each step of the process will come back to this body for approval. Heating, lighting, sound etc and long-term organ music. Organ replacement is a consideration.
- IAT asked PCC for support of statement of need - unanimous approval given

9. Any Other Business

- None

10. Meeting close – with a Prayer

11. Date of next full PCC meeting

- Monday 28th January 2019, 7.30pm, St Peter's Church

Signed: _____

Date: _____