**PARISH OF ST PETER’S, COLCHESTER**

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council**

**held on Monday 5th September 2022**

Chairman: Revd Mark Wallace

1. **OPENING BIBLE READING & PRAYER**

The Vicar opened the meeting with reading from Philippians 1:27 and led the meeting in prayer.

1. **APOLOGIES**

See Appendix 1.

1. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 4th JULY 2022**
2. The previous Minutes were approved *nem con* and signed by the Vicar.
3. No matters arising.
4. **SHORT REPORTS**

The reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.

* The PCC approved the request to keep Mrs Lizzie Wallace’s job title as ‘Children & Youth’s Worker’ (Vicar’s Report).
* The PCC approved the proposal to change Mrs Bernice Watts’ job title to ‘Church Manager’ (Vicar’s Report).
* Dr Dan Watts raised the concern about precautions to be made if Mr Richard Lawn becomes too unwell to continue with the tasks involved in his role as Treasurer. No specific response was made at this point, but the question remains an important one. Dan led the meeting in prayer for Richard.
* Clarification re the piano (Churchwardens’ report): The licence required is a ‘Standard Exemption Certificate’.
* Church Hall repairs: Regarding the cross, the PCC favours the idea of the cross being portable and easy to put up/take down from the wall as and when needed.
* The immediacy of the demands of the Redevelopment Project requires certain commitments. Mrs Wendy Whitfield has agreed to move forward with faculty processes required and will receive extra help for computing. Suggestions were also made for people who might help making final decisions on specifics of the redevelopment project (e g fittings and finishes).
1. **COMMISSIONING PHASE 1 OF THE REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

Detailed drawings from the architect Inkpen Downie had been circulated prior to the meeting.

Proposal: That the PCC approves these final plans and commissions Inkpen Downie to begin the work in Phase 1 (proposed by Mr Tim Hearn and seconded by Dr Matt Cox).

Result: All eleven PCC members present at the meeting were in favour.

1. **PARISH SHARE FOR 2023 – RESPONSE TO THE DEANERY ASSESSMENT**

The Parish Share has gone up significantly and the PCC is to give a response to the Deanery Assessment by the beginning of October.

The PCC agreed to reply along the lines that it believes that the new parish share is a fair figure, and that it will do its best to meet it, however it will involve a struggle and no complete guarantee can be made.

1. **THE WARM WELCOME CAMPAIGN (www.warmwelcome.uk)**

The PCC discussed risks, costs and positive points of this movement (the community response to the cost of living crisis) and the question whether the church hall might be opened up this winter for this purpose. No decision was required at this point. The PCC is positive but cautious.

1. **CORRESPONDENCE**

No correspondence.

1. **AOB**

Mrs Wendy Whitfield had investigated options to remove the rubble from the churchyard which had accumulated during the recent repair work on the hall.

Proposal: That the PCC approves Colchester Waste Services to collect the rubble for £760 as per quote.

Result: All in favour.

1. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 7th November.

1. **CLOSING PRAYER**

The Vicar led the meeting in closing prayer.

**APPENDIX 1**

Mr Ed Bradley present

Mr Duncan Breckels present

Dr Matt Cox present

Mr Trevor Froude present

Mr Tim Hearn present

Mrs Anne Kavanagh present

Dr Mick Kavanagh present

Mr Richard Lawn apologies

Mrs Val Morris apologies

Mrs Clare Reid apologies

Revd Mark Wallace present

Mrs Bernice Watts present

Dr Dan Watts present

Mrs Wendy Whitfield present