

**ST MARY MAGDALEN, KNIGHTON**

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of the meeting held at 7:30pm on  
7 June 2022**

**Present:** Revd Matthew Gough (in the chair), Kate Adams, Amanda Beck (Treasurer), Beryl Bonfield (Churchwarden), Sian Howard (Churchwarden), David Palmer, Lorna Pollard, Judith Rudd, Nigel Siesage (Secretary) and Ida Stanyer.

**Apologies for absence** were received from the Vicar (on sabbatical)

The meeting opened with a reading from Philippians.

**22/54 MEMBERSHIP OF COMMITTEES AND APPOINTMENTS**

The PCC agreed:

- Standing Committee: members should be the clergy (Vicar in the chair), the church wardens, the Treasurer, the Secretary and Mr Palmer
- A Buildings and Grounds Committee should be constituted. Members would be the clergy (Vicar in the chair initially), Ms Howard, Mr Britton and Mr Oldershaw (subject to confirmation of willingness to serve). Revd Matthew would approach Mr Ardley to see if he was willing to join.
- Deanery Synod: Mrs Bonfield and Mrs Pollard were elected as representatives on the Deanery Synod.

**22/55 SAFEGUARDING**

It was agreed that all members of the PCC should be DBS checked. Members should not initiate this process but wait until approached by either Miss Paul or Mr Gutteridge.

All members should carry out the online safeguarding training programme. Revd Matthew would circulate the link.

The need to identify a new Safeguarding Co-ordinator was noted. Two possible candidates were identified for private sounding.

**22/56 PLACE OF PEACE**

In the light of issues raised by parishioners, Ms Howard agreed to consult the Archdeacon on the effect of plans on Garden of Remembrance and the possible need for a Faculty. This would then be followed by discussion at the Buildings and Grounds Committee for subsequent report and advice to the PCC.

**22/57 PIONEER WORKER**

It was hoped that a proposed job specification could be brought to the next meeting of the PCC.

**22/58 PARISH CENTRE REVIEW**

Mr Oldershaw's detailed work on the needs of the Parish Centre was noted with considerable appreciation. It was agreed that this should be incorporated into the wider strategic review of the Centre, which would be the responsibility of a separate project group.

**22/59 WEST DOOR**

A quotation for repairs to the west door had been received, and this was approved.

**22/60 CHURCHYARD BENCHES**

A quotation for repairs to a number of benches in the churchyard had been received. This was approved.

The PCC agreed that a policy should be developed for future offers of memorial benches. This would make clear the need to provide for their maintenance in the original gift, or relieve the PCC of indefinite responsibility for upkeep.

**22/61 GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE**

It was agreed that the present contract for maintenance of the Garden of Remembrance should be extended for a further year on the basis of the quote received, but a review of the arrangement should be undertaken in good time before the next renewal.

**22/62 GRANT TO ORDINAND**

The PCC agreed to make a grant of £350 towards the cost of the family holiday at Scargill House in Yorkshire for the Ordinand and her family.

**22/63 SOUND SYSTEM**

It was agreed to receive a report on proposals to improve the church sound system at the next meeting.

**22/64 LECTERN**

It was agreed that the box/step intended to assist users of the lectern should be removed as unstable.

22/65 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting of the PCC held on 5 May 2022 were taken as read and approved.

The meeting closed at 9.23 pm with Grace.

Chairman