

ST MARY MAGDALEN, KNIGHTON

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30 pm on
Thursday 6th June 2019**

Present: Revd Adrian Jones (Vicar) (Chairman), Angela Amoroso, Mary Britton, Sian Howard, Michael Kirk, Andrew Oldershaw, Bob Rutland, Nigel Siesage (Secretary), David Stanyer and Tanya Willis.

Apologies for absence were received from Rosalind Mathew and Ann Squires

19/40 Prayers and reflection

The Vicar led the meeting in prayers and a reflection on Matthew 13.

19/41 Parish Gift

The PCC considered financial projections prepared by the Treasurer and information from the Diocese, and discussed the level of increase which might be made in the Parish Gift for 2020. It noted that a decision was requested by the Deanery and Diocese if possible by 24 June.

In the process the PCC also received data relating to the average levels of giving in the Parish compared to the rest of the Diocese and the Church as a whole.

After considerable discussion, **it was resolved** by 5 votes to 2:

That the Parish Gift/Contribution to the Diocese for 2020 be increased by 2.5% to £58,220.

19/42 Churchyard

a) Maintenance:

The PCC noted that, following recent discussion with the City Council, there appeared to be agreement on a schedule for maintenance of the churchyard and this was being followed satisfactorily. It would continue to be necessary to monitor this.

b) Provision for cremated remains:

The PCC received a paper by the Vicar, and noted that there was a need to consider a long term policy for cremated remains, in view of the fact that the Garden of Remembrance was likely to reach capacity in a few years, and that the Parish had no formal policy governing interment of ashes.

In discussion **it was agreed:**

- It would be desirable to identify additional space for interments. A visit to the churchyard should be arranged. The likely need for space for site huts during the repairs to the spire was noted.

- In responding to current requests for space, the Vicar should always have some discretion but normally there should be an expectation that the deceased had some substantial past or present connection with the church or parish; or that the funeral service had been conducted in the church and by clergy of the Benefice.
- While any existing reservations of places should be honoured, no more requests to reserve places should be accepted.

19/43 **Spire Appeal**

Mr Siesage presented the minutes of the inaugural meeting of the Spire Fund-raising Group held on 30 May 2019. The PCC welcomed the progress and the possible range of events and other activities.

The Group had recommended that for the period ending December 2020, all the proceeds of the Parish's regular fund-raising activities should normally be applied to the spire fund. It was noted that the Parish's current budget assumed that income from these established sources would continue to be available for general purposes.

After discussion, the Group's recommendation that all fund-raising income should be attributed to the spire fund was approved, while noting that the Christmas Tree Festival had been set up on the understanding that receipts would be shared with a local charity. It was agreed that the target for the spire fund-raising should be increased from the provisional £30,000 so far announced, to £40,000.

It was agreed that the appeal should be named "InSpired". Marketing assistance should be sought.

Consideration should be given to the use of the spire as a telephone mast though this idea should be approached with caution.

The possible application of a recent legacy of £500 to the appeal should be considered at a future meeting.

The minutes were received and approved.

Action: Mr Siesage

19/44 **Quinquennial Inspection**

Mr Oldershaw reported that the inspection had been scheduled for 13 June. He would accompany the architect. The PCC expressed its appreciation of his involvement.

19/45 **Portable font**

With reference to minutes 19/19 and 19/34, the PCC considered a recommendation by the Vicar and **approved** the hand-turned oak font at £1,083. As previously agreed, the cost would largely be met from recent legacies. The donor of the existing portable font had been consulted and had no objection.

19/46 **Action list**

The PCC received a fully updated action list. Further updates were approved. Ms Howard offered to assist with the feedback problem with the sound system.

Action: Sian Howard

19/47 **Minutes of the PCC**

The minutes of the meeting of the PCC held on 19 April 2019 were taken as read and approved, subject to the correction of the spelling of Mr Bonnett's name.

Action: PCC Secretary

19/48 **Safeguarding**

There were no current matters to report. It was noted that basic training in safeguarding had been provided for PCC members and other relevant office holders in the Benefice on 5 June.

19/49 **Health and Safety**

There were no issues to report. A review of Health and Safety policy should be scheduled for a future meeting.

Action: Vicar/Mr Britton

19/50 **Sub-groups**

The minutes of the Social and Fund-raising Group were received. Notes of the Buildings Group were outstanding. It was noted that a meeting of the Worship and Outreach Group had now been scheduled.

19/51 **Future business**

Policy on baptisms should be scheduled for a future meeting.

19/52 **Next meeting**

The next meeting would be held at 7.30pm on ???? Narthex.

The meeting closed at 9.36pm with Grace.

Chairman