



St George's Church Parochial Church Council (PCC)

Summary of the PCC Minutes

For the meeting held on

18th July 2023

MAIN FOCUS OF THE MEETING

Outreach and vision priorities:

Children and Young people - The meeting's main focus was to review a draft job description and person profile for the Children and Families Worker and to agree the overall focus and strategy. PCC discussed in small groups at length and unanimously agreed to move ahead with this appointment, which will be advertised in September 2023.

Welcome Café – a brief verbal report was given saying that the café continues to build connections with the community and will remain open over the staff despite some staffing issues. It was also noted that some changes to timings might be made this September.

Renovation of the exterior of the church – it was reported that work had begun on the low gutters, and that our quinquennial architect is visiting this month to advise on the larger works.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

Going Greener: PCC discussed re-engaging with our commitment to going greener as a church and why it matters. St George's will aim to achieve the Eco Bronze Award we started pursuing before Covid, including a renewal of our commitment to pursuing "Fairtrade Church", as previously agreed by the PCC. Further work will take place on re-establishing the Green Group.

Update regarding the future of the Wash Commoner magazine: After prolonged and active attempts to recruit an editor no one has come forward for this lead role, meaning that for the foreseeable future the magazine cannot be produced. There will be a Christmas mailing to the whole parish and other seasonal outreach, but the PCC noted that sadly unless or until an editor is found, the Wash Commoner as we know it is on hold. A website is still being explored and proposals may come to a future PCC.

Relationship with St. Michael's Enborne: Progress for this lies with the Church at a national level. This is in a queue of pastoral reorganisations, so decisions won't be made this summer as was earlier indicated, but the day to day relationship with St Michael's continues to be good.

Update on roles unfilled at the May PCC meeting: Sarah Pook offered to join the Standing Committee, and the PCC unanimously agreed her appointment. Further work is continuing regarding the Charitable Giving Co-ordinator.

Revd Terry Winrow: PCC unanimously agreed to the extension of Revd Terry's term of office for a further year as per the Bishop's requirement for licensed clergy over seventy years of age.

Safeguarding Update: The Safeguarding action plan was reviewed and agreed – all areas are 'green' which is excellent with only one area needing clarification, which is in hand. It was reported that DBS checks were completed for holiday club volunteers and it was noted the rota for the Welcome Café needs a DBS checked person in attendance for each shift.

Health and Safety: It was reported that the choir loft safety concern has been investigated and concerned parties have been met with, and measures to mitigate risk are being pursued.

Attendance 87.5% Full approved minutes on our website after the next meeting on 26th September 2023.