

PARISH OF ST PETER'S, COLCHESTER

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parochial Church Council held in September 2020

Chairman: Revd Mark Wallace

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

The COVID-19 lockdown again prevented the PCC from meeting together in the normal manner. To enable the business of the PCC to continue, while also seeking to ensure that the process was as open and as fair as possible, the same process was followed as for the Online PCC meetings in May and July.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Proposal #1.1: "This PCC approves the minutes of the full PCC meeting held in July 2020."

Result: **all in favour**

Proposal #1.2: "This PCC receives the minutes of the Finance Sub-Committee meeting held on 15th September 2020."

Result: **all in favour**

2. REPORTS

Proposal: "That these reports be received by the PCC."

Result: **all in favour**

3. PROPOSALS CONTAINED IN THE VICAR'S MINISTRY REPORT

Proposal #3.1: "This PCC agrees that the working arrangements for Mrs Bernice Watts should be altered, with her agreement, to reflect more appropriately: that her expected hours continue to be for 16 hours/week in term-time (2 hours/week in the school holidays); that her role at St Peter's be expanded to include greater responsibility for the day-to-day running of the church; that her job title be changed to 'Church Administrator' (or similar)."

Result: **10 in favour; 1 abstention (Mrs Bernice Watts)**

Proposal #3.2: "This PCC agrees that the PCC should commit appropriate funds to enable the appointment, as soon as is reasonably possible, of a part-time Children's & Youth Worker: for between 8 and 16 hours/week, depending upon how much can be afforded; to run our *Next Generation Ministries*, especially while they are all on-line; to oversee the reconstruction of our 'in-person' youth work, once that is viable again."

Result: **all in favour**

Proposal #3.3: "This PCC agrees that the PCC should commit appropriate funds to enable the appointment, as soon as is reasonably possible, of a part-time Pastoral Co-ordinator: for approx 6 hours/week; to co-ordinate our pastoral efforts as a church; to ensure that the Vicar's pastoral efforts are directed most effectively."

Result: **all in favour**

Proposal #3.4: "This PCC agrees that a sub-committee of the PCC should explore how best to partner with Beacon House Ministries to serve the homeless in Colchester this winter."

Result: **all in favour**

Proposal #3.5: "This PCC agrees that consideration is given to improving the church website (especially with regard to its being viewed on mobile platforms, and its integration with ChurchSuite)."

Result: **all in favour**

Proposal #3.6: "This PCC agrees that consideration is given to replacing the 'Town Centre Parish' stationery with something more reflective of St Peter's independence from St Botolph's."

Result: **all in favour**

Proposal #3.7: "This PCC agrees that the PCC resolve to urge the Archdeacon to begin the necessary pastoral reorganisation, to enable the suspension of the parish to be lifted within a reasonable timescale."

Result: **all in favour**

Proposal #3.8: "This PCC agrees that consideration is given to the possibility of offering two services in church on a Sunday, if the demand is there and the Covid-requirements can be met."

Result: **all in favour**

Proposal #3.9: "This PCC agrees that the Wednesday Communion should not be reinstated for the foreseeable future."

Result: **all in favour**

4. PROPOSAL CONTAINED IN THE CHURCHWARDEN'S FABRIC REPORT

Proposal #4: "This PCC agrees that Mr Mark Butcher should be asked to inspect and clear the roofs more frequently, and asks Mrs Wendy Whitfield to make the necessary arrangements."

Result: **all in favour**

5. TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE FINANCIAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Proposal #5: "This PCC notes the draft Terms of Reference for the Financial Sub-Committee, and requests a revised draft to be submitted for approval at the November meeting of the full PCC."

Result: **all in favour**

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: IN NOVEMBER — ON A DATE TO BE CONFIRMED