



Minutes of the St Augustine's P.C.C. Meeting held on Tuesday 19th March 2019

Members Present:			
Rev'd Canon Jonathan Collis	Paul Chisnell		
Colin Russell (Treasurer)	The Rev'd Father Christopher Giles	In attendance: Dawn Holley (as Minute Taker)	
Martin Everett (Churchwarden)	Ian Stobart		
Mhoira Brewer (Churchwarden)	Megan Sylvester		
Margaret Ridley (Secretary)	Fred Watson		
Linda Barnard			
	Agenda Point	Discussion /Decisions	Proposed/Seconded/Agreed
1	Opening Prayer	The meeting opened at 8 pm in prayer led by the vicar.	
2	Apologies for absence	Karen Kindley, Hannah Rowland, Peter Somerville	
3	Minutes of the meeting Tuesday 19 th March 2019	These were approved as a correct record of the meeting.	Proposed: CG Seconded: MB Unanimously agreed.
4	Matters arising from November minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruitment of Hall Manager: MB informed the PCC that Jen Withers has stepped forward as a candidate so the process is ongoing. JC commented that the Churchwardens would oversee the recruitment. Church Hall: After consultation CR was able to confirm that the value of church hall is to be treated as restricted. CR also confirmed that bank accounts have been opened in preparation for the fundraising for the extension. 	
5	Deanery Synod Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tuesday 5th February: There was a talk on education. A paper had been previously circulated around the parish representatives to review the relationship between churches and their local schools. There was a discussion of the possibility of another church school in the Southend borough but this would have to wait until the local authority wishes to build a new school or an existing school needs taking over. St. Augustine's relationship with local schools is good. JC has been elected onto the Diocesan Synod. 	

6	Church Wardens' Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The wardens presented their report (as previously circulated), which was gratefully received. • MB informed the meeting that there are now 20 new tables in the hall – 15 for use in the hall and 5 in storage to use as replacements when required. • Work to repair the windows needs to be approved. MB commented that the work may be covered by the insurance as the damage is from a football. CR confirmed that there is an excess of £500 and he will liaise with the insurers. A vote was held to approve the work going ahead. • ME informed the meeting that 136 electoral rolls had been received so far. • The vicar thanked the churchwardens for their continuing hard work. 	<p>Proposed: FW Seconded: MR Unanimously agreed.</p>
7	Treasurer's Financial Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The treasurer presented a verbal report. • CR confirmed that the accounts have been examined and are on the website. • Stewardship: 47 replies have so far been received (out of 155). CR anticipates a decrease of about £1700, he considers this to be a serious issue as £10k has already been taken this year from reserves. The reductions are due to several donors passing away, moving away, reducing their donation and this all reduces gift aid. JC will write to those who have not yet replied excepting those who have filled in an electoral roll. JC commented that at the next meeting we need to think about and discuss how we could possibly reduce expenses / increase donations. • The meeting discussed the possibility of using contactless for in church donations so IS will draft a contactless proposal for a future meeting. 	
8	Vicar's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The vicar presented his report. • Extension – the DAC are in the process of reviewing the amended plans. Kay Twitchen has been working behind the scenes on the fundraising front. MB commented that KT would like a PCC member to be an “understudy” for the fundraising role in case her health should worsen. MB will discuss this with Sarah Devereux and KT. • The Sweden trip is going ahead. The Anglo – Scandinavian Association of York contributed funds to the trip so JC passed them a report and photos of how previous trips had gone. • Denali Yates is now 18 and should like to become a Server. The PCC needs to approve this and Safer Recruiting needs to be completed. • The Bells – the proposal that the quotation of Nicholson Engineering to undertake the work on the bells be accepted, subject to the additional insurance and on the understanding that the cost would be covered by an anonymous 	<p>Proposed: MS Seconded: CG Unanimously agreed</p> <p>Proposed: MR</p>

		donor and grants. JC reminded those present that bell practise currently takes place on a Wednesday at 7.30 pm should you wish to come along.	Seconded: MS Unanimously agreed.
9	AOB	<p>Approval of APCM Reports:</p> <p>Deanery Synod Report Proposed: LB Seconded: ME Unanimously approved.</p> <p>Churchwardens Report Proposed: IS Seconded: PC Unanimously approved.</p> <p>Financial Report: typo amendments required – noted by treasurer. Proposed: FW Seconded: MB Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>Parish and PCC Report: typo noted. Proposed: CR Seconded: CG Unanimously agreed.</p> <p>ME informed the meeting that after two years of service he should like to stand down from his role of Churchwarden – please let him know if you know of anyone who would like to stand.</p> <p>JC thanked the whole PCC for their continuing support and commented that he is a very fortunate vicar to have the PCC he has.</p>	

10	Dates of 2019 meetings		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Standing Committee</u></p> <p>Tuesday 4th June Wednesday 4th September Tuesday 5th November</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PCC</u></p> <p>APCM Sunday 28th April Tuesday 18th June ** Tuesday 24th September Tuesday 19th November</p>		<p>** Officers to be elected at this meeting.</p>
11	Closing prayer	The meeting closed at 8.55 pm in prayer led by the Vicar.				.