

ST MARY MAGDALEN KNIGHTON
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on

19 November 2024

Present: Revd Cecilia Adjadje (in the chair), Kate Adams, Amanda Beck, Tabitha Fogg, Michael Gasper, Sian Howard, David Palmer, Nigel Siesage (Secretary) and Ida Stanyer

Apologies for absence were received from the Vicar and Beryl Bonfield

The meeting opened with prayer and reflection on Psalm XV.

24/54 SAFEGUARDING

Mrs Fogg presented the Parish's safeguarding policy for review. The PCC noted that recent developments in the national Church reinforced the importance of vigilance. It was agreed that members should check the currency of their safeguarding training and update it if necessary. On completion of training, the certificates should be sent to Mrs Fogg. Mrs Beck would check the position on insurance.

The updated Safeguarding Policy was formally approved.

Action TF to send link to online training to all members

AB to review insurance and advise future meeting

24/55 PLACE OF PEACE

With reference to the discussion at the previous meeting, the PCC unanimously approved the design and planting of the Place of Peace at the quoted price of £4,500.

24/56 PARISH FEES FOR 2025

Mrs Beck presented the annual review of fees, some of which were determined by the Church nationally. Many of the fees controlled by the PCC had not been revised for several years, and the PCC approved increases of 11% where this was proposed. It was agreed that the availability of the Church for hire for appropriate events should be marketed on the website and other suitable locations.

The updated tables of fees were approved.

24/57 LEGACY POLICY

The PCC reviewed the Parish's policy on legacies and other gifts in wills and approved it without amendment.

24/58 DISABLED ACCESS

The PCC received a report from the Treasurer on quotes received via the Church Architect for the proposed improvements which would provide safe and appropriate access from the Lady Chapel to the Chancel. The quotes had been examined by Mr Oldershaw and Mr Britton as the members of the Buildings Committee with relevant

professional backgrounds, and they recommended acceptance of the quote provided by TJSR Services Ltd in the sum of £4,503 inc VAT.

Resolved

- a) That a Faculty be sought for the proposed works
- b) That the quote provided by TJSR Services be accepted, subject to the granting of the Faculty
- c) That grant funding be sought from the Diocese Minor Repairs and Improvements Grant Fund

24/59 ENTRUST

The PCC unanimously agreed that the PCC should de-register as an Entrust Environmental Body, noting that the original registration had taken place when St Mary's and St Guthlac's were a single parish. Mr Bowyer of St Guthlac's would make the necessary arrangements.

24/60 BUILDINGS GROUP

The PCC received an oral report on the recent discussions of the Buildings Group, with members of the Parish Centre Management Group, arising from the recent Quinquennial inspection. The PCC agreed that it was important to require the architect to provide prompt advice on the various matters which had been referred to him. This applied particularly to the planned option appraisal for the Parish Centre, in respect of which Mr Palmer agreed to provide some alternative sources of professional advice.

Action Mr Palmer

24/61 FUTURE MEETINGS: These were scheduled for January 21st and March 6th 2025. The Vicar would propose dates for the following 12 months.

Action Vicar

The meeting closed at 20.58 with the Grace.

Chairman