**St George-in-the-East Parochial Church Council**

**Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 19 June 2022 at 12.15 pm**

Attendance: Tricia Bing; Miriam Brittenden; Nathaniel Darling; Alan Dorji; Jane Earl; Revd Alanna Harris; Rob Hayward ; Phil Hogan; Ivonne Lojan Maldonado; Francelise Mamilonne; Alexander O’Riordan; Annadale Ramanoop; Revd Richard Springer (Rector, Chair);

Rhiannon Winstanley Sharples and Fr Angus Ritchie for Item 3

Apologies for absence were received from Rev Alanna Harris and Fr Josh Harris,

**1.  Welcome and introductions**

The Rector welcomed colleagues to the first meeting of the newly constituted PCC, and opened the meeting with prayer.

**2. Confirmation of membership of the PCC for 2022/23**

The PCC welcomed Miriam Brittenden, Nathaniel Darling and Alexander O’Riordan and confirmed the membership of the PCC for 2022/23. All trustees signed the Charity Commission declaration as to their fitness to be trustees.

**3. Partnership work update**

Father Angus and Rhiannon introduced a paper on partnership working and the role of CTC and Create Streets, as a precursor to a wider discussion about housing in the local area at the PCC in July, when we will need to decide whether to pursue the exploration of this work in partnership with CTC.

In response to the document the following questions were raised

* The wider role of CTC and how they operate in practice
* What else we should be doing to respond to the changed local political context
* Whether it is possible to see some examples of regeneration and place making by Create Streets
* Where the funding for work around the church has come from

The meeting noted the information in response including the need for members to continue to pray for the projects; to make any links they can with the new political administrations; to see some examples of Create Streets work, and to note that there is no cost to the PCC for the work being undertaken at this time.

The PCC AGREED to follow this course of action and to have a further decision at the next meeting. ACTION JE

Angus and Rhiannon left the meeting at this point.

**4. Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 19 March 2022**

The minutes of the meeting had been circulated and were shared at the meeting. The PCC AGREED the minutes as a correct record

5. **Matters arising**

The following issues were noted: –

* Refugee support through existing social media networks- ACTION KP
* Grant application update to come to July PCC – ACTION KP/ RS
* Letter has been written to the new Archdeacon about curacy housing costs as a result of maternity leave, and an ask made to reduce the Common Fund to reflect the costs. RS to follow up with new Archdeacon
* Individual giving still under review, and need to make sure that the electronic giving machine is out on view consistently

**6. Appointment of Secretary, Treasurer and Safeguarding Officer**

The PCC AGREED to the following appointments

Safeguarding Officer – Miriam Brittenden

Treasurer – Rob Hayward

Secretary – Jane Earl

It was noted that both Jane and Rob intend to serve for one more year to promote sharing of responsibilities and would be looking to find other colleagues to step into these roles.

**7. Appointment of Independent examiner of accounts**

It was noted that this should have been done at the APCM but that we were still awaiting a nomination from YBH and so this issue would be dealt with at the July PCC. ACTION JE/ KP

8**. Finance matters**

Rob Hayward, the PCC treasurer presented the summary papers which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

He referred to the current figures which showed a relatively healthy position. Grant funding was looking healthy. On the expenditure side there would be a significant need to spend money on the building as the property plans progress to put the building back into good order. There were also areas to explore further with the Diocese about where grants were due in.

Questions raised included

* Why crypt revenue was ahead of budget
* What the flat rental position was – with 3 out of 4 flats now rented and the fourth hoped to be available for use by the autumn
* What the position on the spending on youth work was, which was though a small amount of time bought from CTC using the skills of Ed and working with other churches in the area.
* The fact that the building expenses are low at present is a reflection that work has not yet been completed
* Why the figure relating to the Diocese was so far off budget

The PCC AGREED

1. To note the accounts
2. To clarify the position with the Diocese as a matter of urgency, given the significance of the figure
3. To ask the Diocese to help regarding the costs of the building

**9. Adoption of safeguarding policy**

The meeting APPROVED the updated Safeguarding Policy, reflecting the new Safeguarding Officer.

The meeting recorded our thanks to Claire Deegan and noted that Miriam and Jane would seek an online meeting with Claire to ensure the handover was complete. It was also noted that the Safeguarding Officer was a public post and so pictures of Miriam and Richard would be on display in the church and on the website.

**10. Update on property matters**

The PCC considered three items concerning property.

a) Richard reported on the report produced by Joel Harland which highlighted several issues with the roof and failures in the solution put in place last year, as well as some of the more fundamental questions which the Church will need to answer. This was being looked at by a small building committee, comprising Joel Harland, Rich Springer, Rob Hayward, Katie Peel, and Jane Earl. The full paper would be circulated via email to the PCC for further discussion at the next PCC meeting. It was also noted that the last quinquennial review was in 2017, with the next one due in 2022.

b) New letting of Flat – the PCC noted that the vacant 1 bed flat has

been let at the London Living Rent to a couple, with a 2 month discernment period to see whether or if they will be involved in SGIE , at which time we will review whether this is the correct rent

In response to a question, it was noted that the last PCC discussion of flat rentals had been over a year ago and should be reviewed again. ACTION KP to update paper and circulate to the PCC.

c) A proposal, arising from a local listening campaign to have a new bin for the Canon Street Road properties in the church yard, to improve the local environment. There was general agreement in principle, with a further discussion due at the congregational meeting next week, and to think about how best to site all the bins to improve the environment

The PCC AGREED to pursue the discussion with the roof contractor, the subcontractors, and the professional advisers in relation to the immediate works needed, and to consider the longer paper in detail at the July meeting. ACTION JE/ KP/JH

**11. Church Life and PCC role**

Richard introduced the paper and referred to his role and the possible opportunities for work across churches linked to some CTC work, as well as the wider. The paper identified a number of ways in which it is time to be used to deepen the relationships and effectiveness of SGIE both within the parish and as a catalyst for wider connections. It was agreed that this would be the subject of discussion at the July meeting. ACTION RS

**12.PCC timetable and structure**

The PCC noted the planned timetable and structure and discussed how best to make the work of the PCC known in the church. It was noted that minutes were currently on the website, but that it would also be helpful to display hard copies in church together with pictures of PCC members. It was also suggested that PCC matters should be included in the parish newsletter prior to meetings, so people could be aware of what was being discussed. ACTION JE/RS

**13.Actions**

* Partnership work update to July PCC meeting
* Grant application update to July PCC KP/RS
* Electronic giving machine to be used more consistently KP
* Independent auditor to be appointed at July PCC – KP
* Updated paper on background and policy on flat rentals to be circulated-KP
* Building committee to pursue actions against contractor subcontractor and professional advisers in connection with unsatisfactory work to the roof RS/KP/JH
* Further discussion on property at July meeting JE
* PCC minutes and pictures displayed in church JE/ KP

**14. Any other business**

* Confirm Tricia Bing as deanery synod representative. Update APCM minutes- JE/KP
* Rob Hayward keen to talk to PCC members about the use of the coffee cart -RH

**15. Date of next meeting**

24 July 2022 at 12.15

The meeting closed with prayer at 1.45 pm