

# ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

**Attendees :** Kit Tranmer, Mike O'Sullivan, Matthew Ives, Fr. Michael O'Kane, Fr. Isidore Faloon, Rob Fernandez, Paul Turpin, Debbie Giddings

**Apologies for Absence:** Fr. Quentin, Geraldine Mansbridge, Michelle Spears, Lorna Spears

**Meeting Chair:** Mike O'Sullivan

## **Minutes**

The minutes of the January meeting were approved with the following:

- It was noted that the door to the gas cupboard had been replaced.
- The door to the cloisters has been fitted such that a fob is required to open it. This needs to be a glass panel with a button that sets off an alarm and at the same time opens the door. Kit/Rob to follow up
- Organist update – in the absence of Fr. Quentin this is carried forward to the next meeting

## **PCC Membership**

Kit reminded us that all Parish Council Members are up for renewal this year with the exception of Mike O'Sullivan

Members are asked to consider over the next two weeks if they are prepared to stand for re-election To attract new Members it was suggested to have a straw poll through the newsletter and to raise at the volunteers social event on 23<sup>rd</sup> April

## **Ukraine Refugees**

The tenure for refugees is a minimum of 6 months to a year. Visas are being issued for 3 years All information with regard to the Ukraine refugees has already been circulated by Kit

## **Premises Inspection report**

Rob reported that there is nothing outstanding on this point

## **Porch Update**

Decoration of the porch is currently taking place - Geraldine to confirm when completion is due. Debbie advised that the project team had reviewed the floor options further and decided rather than replace or cover with new flooring, the floor would be thoroughly cleaned and a further mat purchased for the area outside of the shop

The glass doors are in place with a few issues to be attended to. We have etch-effect film with the SToC Jerusalem cross, and manifestation 'dot' film to avoid collision. The door people will return when decoration has been completed to fit this and make necessary adjustments to the doors and door closures

Rob raised that the side panel to the shop door was showing movement and should be reviewed

## **Car Park**

Kit advised that this is not progressing in the near future. The SToC car park has no security and no notices to advise this is private. St.Peter & Paul Ilford have a barrier and fobs with users paying

charges. Stratford also has a charging car park with electric gates. SToC has issues with the safety of people on foot and there were concerns that people queueing to input car registrations to attend mass would cause delays to service attendance

### **Events**

There was a reminder that we have the Volunteers Evening on 23<sup>rd</sup> April

Mike O'Sullivan volunteered to represent the PPC at the Summer Fete on 25<sup>th</sup> June

### **Audio-visual Issues – Do we proceed ?**

Kit had sent through a great deal of information prior to the meeting including information, assessments and recommendations from Bernard Bourdillon.

**Audio** – points raised included the need for remote control for music, use of mp3 and memory sticks and a portable device to take out for funerals; who would work and how to manage a control centre; and other access into the system/microphones. Should we have a phased or non-phased approach and could old equipment be utilised in the Becket Centre.

The PPC voted:

- Yes, to go ahead and replace the Audio system completely, not a phased approach
- Technology team to come back with recommendations including present state of finances

**Visual** – there were concerns raised with a number of the options presented, both for large and small screens. Large screens presented issues from the window reflections at the rear of the Church; there were concerns about damage to the fabric of the Church; and the distraction of focus devoted to the screens rather than the liturgy. On balance, the PPC voted No to proceeding with visual aids at this time.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm