

**ST THOMAS OF CANTERBURY CHURCH
PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes
Monday 7th August 2023**

Attendees : Fr Quentin Jackson, Kit Tranmer, Mike O'Sullivan, Matthew Ives, Rob Fernandez, Paul Turpin, Debbie Giddings, Andrew Dodd, Bernard Hunter, Donna Patros, Michelle Spears, Lorna Spears, Fr Isidore Faloona, Geraldine Mansbridge.

Apologies for Absence: Kit Tranmer & Sarah Dodd

Fr Quentin welcomed returning and new members to the Council.

Election of Chair and Vice Chair

As only one member was willing to be nominated to be Chair, he was duly elected.

Bernard Hunter Chair

Election of Vice Chair

Mike O'Sullivan was elected Vice-Chair.

Minutes

The minutes of the June meeting were approved.

AGM

Subject to one amendment which was accepted It was agreed that the draft minutes of the AGM be published on the website.

Matters arising – Friary Boundary

Matthew updated members on the discussions that had taken place with the owners of 1 Friary Gate Close. The owners have responded to the effect that they do not believe that there has been a breach of the covenant which is not accepted. It was agreed that the Church should respond to this effect with the possibility that litigation may be needed in the future. Matthew agreed to draft an appropriate letter and seek approval from OFM as appropriate.

Membership changes

Debbie Giddings informed members that due to her impending relocation that she will step down from the PPC when the move takes place.

Agenda Items

The remaining agenda items were not discussed at this meeting. However, Bernard will ask Kit if he is able to put together a discussion paper regarding school use of the car park in time for the next meeting.

Much of the Chair's work - and that of PPC members - is between meetings, working in our communities.

Bernard would like to create more space in PPC meetings to allow everyone to contribute, though this would take more time. He will canvass members' opinions on meeting day, time, length and frequency and report back.

Next Meeting

This will be held on 4th September at 8pm