



PCC MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 7th September 2020

STATUS

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Present	Rachel Ambler, Chris Brown, John Butler, Mei Yen Furey, Alasdair Groves, Jonathan Hendry, Errol King, Paul Langham (Chair), Janet Lee, Cluff Noon, Di Noon, Mark Orriss, Mark Parsons, Tavi Price, Neil Shepherd, Graham Stuart, David Troughton Via Zoom: Malcolm Bourne, Mark Ellis, Val Moore, David Newton
Apologies	Hannah Gibney, Catherine Simmonds, Peter Smithson
Minutes	Tavi Price
Technical Assistance	Nick Carter

Ref	Item	Notes	Action (what)	Who and by when
	Bible reflection	Paul welcomed those present and on Zoom and opened the meeting by reading Philippians 4: 4-7 We were then all invited to pray silently for the meeting.		
A	MAIN ITEMS			
A1	RENEW Report and Proposal	<p>This was an extra-ordinary PCC meeting for called to discuss the RENEW Project. A report had been circulated before the meeting which gave an update on the project.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> the project finally has Faculty Approval the RENEW team has been through a Value Engineering exercise taking into consideration the PCC views and advice of Kitto and have potentially removed c.£60k from the project, however the kitchen specification needed to be increased and has added £40k to the budget a summary of the financial position costs/funds were presented revised contract value of the project: £1,520,361.92 total project costs: £1,544,832.88 funds available: £1,272,345.02 current shortfall for Phase 2A: £272,487.86 <p>In light of the shortfall the RENEW team asked the PCC to prayerfully consider the following 4 options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cancel the project Postpone works until sufficient funds have been raised to cover the shortfall 		

		<p>3. Carry out further value engineering now to reduce the project costs to the available funds</p> <p>4. Go forward with the full project now and seek funds to cover the shortfall</p> <p>Members were invited to ask questions of clarification</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • risks on managing the project • how robust is the budget? • what kind of building contract? • fundraising – how optimistic are we around receiving pledges not yet in the bank? • where are we with paying VAT? • questions around leaving a debt for subsequent PCC members given we are already in a small deficit with the general monthly giving • clarification on the costs • are we able to gauge why c.100 members have not yet responded to the invitation to pledge? <p>Most of the above was answered by DN and MP</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract price is fixed • No firm plan as to how to mitigate the deficit shortfall but lots of ideas • Expecting a legacy from an estate c.£70K • Fundraising strategies hopefully will be presented at next PCC meeting – delay due to HG being ill • Application for grants being looked at • Idea of seeking interest free loans from members of the congregation is being explored • VAT – only need to pay £3,831.31 on the entire project • Risk low on the pledges not yet in the bank • General church fund situation – no significant change since last finance update • It has been difficult to communicate in the same way in lockdown as we would have if meeting face to face, so hard to understand people’s individual circumstances in relation to people’s giving <p>GS – raised the point that this was not a vanity project but a matter of stewardship and that we have a building that needs to be renovated, and yes we are in a time of uncertainty but as Christians this is a position of privilege as we live with a God who transcends uncertainty. So GS encouraged the members to hold that thought when making a decision</p>		
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		<p>hard, that the meeting had felt rushed, and that it had been hard to catch up on all that had happened with RENEW since the last PCC meeting.</p> <p>PL acknowledged this and mentioning that he had not found any of the questions raised in the meeting to be negative; quite the contrary. PL also acknowledged the difficulty of allowing PCC members to catch up on complex work that is being spearheaded by a subgroup of the PCC in-between meetings. He invited suggestions from members as to ways to improve this.</p> <p>PL thanked everyone and then closed the meeting in prayer.</p> <p><u>FOOTNOTE TO THE MINUTES:</u></p> <p>Neither Peter Smithson nor Catherine Simmonds were able to attend the meeting either in person or on Zoom, but both had emailed in prior to the meeting to state that they would've voted for Option 4 had they been present.</p>		
	<p>Date of next meeting</p>	<p><i>Monday 28th September, 7.30pm, venue TBC</i></p>		

Future Meetings: Mon 28th Sep, Sat 17th Oct, Mon 23rd Nov