

**St Michael's, Aughton**  
**Parochial Church Council Meeting**  
**Church 8.15pm Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> May 2021**  
**Minutes**

**Item 1** Reverend Andrew Housley opened the meeting in prayer.

**Item 2** Apologies for absence were received from Ann Barnes and Winifred Pemberton. There were 15 attendees.

**Item 3** Minutes of the last meeting on Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2021, were accepted. Adrian Ball proposed, and David Snape seconded. PCC members agreed unanimously.

**Item 4 Matters Arising.** There were none.

**Item 5 Appointments.** The following appointments were unanimously agreed by PCC:

- **Appointment of Vice-Chairman.** Anthony Bearon was proposed by David Snape and seconded by Andrea Connelly.
- **Appointment of Secretary.** James Parsons was proposed by Peter Fogden and seconded by Jeff Smith.
- **Appointment of Treasurer.** Brian DeVonald was proposed by Denis O'Brien and seconded by David Snape.
- **Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer.** James Parsons was proposed by David Snape and seconded by Adrian Ball.
- **Appointment of Standing Committee.** This will now be – Andrew Housley, Anthony Bearon, Margaret Ellams, Brian DeVonald, James Parsons, Denis O'Brien and Jeff Smith. Proposed by Anthony Bearon and seconded by Margaret Ellams.
- **Wardens.** There were two nominations received for Anthony Bearon and Margaret Ellams to continue as Churchwardens. Proposed by Denis O'Brien and seconded by David Snape.

**Item 6 Treasurer's Report.** Brian DeVonald circulated Appendix 1 which described the current financial state of St Michael's.

**Item 7 Health & Safety and Fabric Report.** Peter Fogden said there was nothing to report.

**Item 8 Church Services.** Andrew said he will be continuing to provide a 09.30 live service as well as a pre-recorded service. Changes may follow when we can sing in Church again, or not need to socially distance. Standing Committee will meet to decide future services.

**Item 9 Friends of St Michael's.** There was nothing to report.

**Item 10 Safeguarding.** Anthony Bearon said DBS checks will be required for Pam O'Brien and Graham Williams.

**Item 11 Any Other Business.** Andrew said he had received a letter from John Woods requesting a handrail be fitted in Church where there are two steps toward the font. This had previously been considered but rejected by PCC, but John Woods asked that this be considered again. After discussion, it was agreed that this could be considered by the Fabric Committee and costs looked at again. Andrea Connelly proposed, and Janice Sheel seconded. PCC members agreed unanimously.

A request has been received to approve Janet Smith as a Foundation Governor at St Michael's School again. Denis O'Brien proposed, and David Snape seconded. PCC members agreed unanimously.

There was discussion on whether to leave the warning signs on the gates that Colin Bulmer has put up concerning slippery surfaces when wet. It was agreed to leave them in place.

**Item 12 Dates of Future Meetings.** Andrew said these will be circulated in due course.

**Item 13 Closing Grace.** The meeting closed with prayer and the Grace.

Minutes subject to the approval of PCC at the next meeting.