

PORTSMOUTH DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING COMMISSION

Minutes of Meeting held on Wednesday 13th September 2017 at 1.30pm

Venue: St. Bede's, Popley Way, Basingstoke RG24 9DX

Present: Paul O'Driscoll (PO'D) (Chair), Canon Dominic Golding (Canon DG), Sister Elizabeth McCormack (Sister EMcC), Fr. John Lee (Fr JL), Kate Burke (KB), Meta Muncaster (MM), DS Ian Mears (DS IM) & Paul Neary (PN).

In Attendance: Angela McGrory (AMcG) & Soraya Ciccarone (SC) (Minutes).

PO'D welcomed everyone to the meeting and Father John Lee led with a prayer.

Apologies - Abbot Cuthbert Brogan, Stephen Morgan & Fiona Matthews.

1) Minutes of Meeting held on 26th July 2017 (At St Edward's, Chandlers Ford)

Actions from Meeting:-

3) Updates to Existing Policies - Commission Recommendation to Trustees – Update – Visitors to Presbyteries – AMcG updated that +P had asked Canon Paul Townsend to look at this issue. AMcG will also address the keys issue for parish properties when undertaking the new PP/Reps meetings during the Autumn and will record the findings as keeps a record of all these meetings.

5) Any Other Business – Bishop's Council Meeting with the Commission – PO'D said that this year's meeting had been postponed and another date still not set. Agreed to further discuss under 'Any Other Business' when Canon DG arrives.

2) Matters Arising (not on Agenda)

None to be discussed.

3) DSC Report

Non-Confidential

3.4 COC's (Covenants of Care)

AMcG reported that Mark Bramah (MB) will be in attendance at the next Commission meeting in November. There are five COC's to start work on so MB will be able to report back on all progress to date in November.

3.6 Update/Progress - E-Bulk

AMcG reported that she does have the budget to start the programme of rechecks. Jane Green has done extremely well with the backlog of DBS checks to process. Rechecks will start with the priests and then move onto paid staff when the rechecks are started.

4) Any Other Business

Commission Meeting with the Bishop's Council – Canon DG said that on previous occasions when we have all met the meeting was more formal, involving a delivery of the Annual Report, but he hoped that the next annual meeting would be far less so. AMcG said that the Bishop's Council can still see the Annual Report which is sent to CSAS if they would like to view this.

Canon DG and +P have agreed to have an informal meeting and then if +P would like to also see the report in advance of the meeting he can do so and any issues can then be discussed in the meeting.

All agreed to make this meeting on one of the dates set for 2018 (as below). It was hoped that the Commission would meet first, prior to this meeting.

ACTION AMcG/Canon DG

Trustee Link – AMcG proposed that Canon DG as VG also undertake the role of Trustee link since Liz Slinn stood down. Canon DG is in agreement with this and agrees that this is a good way forward. This will be further discussed at the Trustee's meeting.

Father PJ Smith Joining the Commission – AMcG reported that Father PJ has been invited by +P to join the Commission from our next meeting in November as priest link for Youth Chaplaincy. All pleased with this appointment.

The meeting concluded at 3.30pm with a prayer led by Sister EMcC.

Meeting Dates & Venues for 2018 – All Meetings to start at 1.30pm

Wednesday 10th January (St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford)

Wednesday 14th March (St Bede's, Basingstoke)

Wednesday 16th May (St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford)

Wednesday 18th July (St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford)

Wednesday 12th September (St Bede's, Basingstoke)

Wednesday 14th November (St Edward the Confessor, Chandlers Ford)