



WHITEFRIARS CHURCH, RUSHDEN

Parochial Church Council

POLICY FOR CONFLICTS OF INTEREST/PECUNIARY INTEREST

Introduction

It is highly recommended that the church maintain a register of business interests of members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

PCC Members are required to divulge areas where they have or could have any direct or indirect pecuniary or personal interest in any contract, proposed contract or other matter affecting the church.

A PCC Member shall be treated as having indirectly a pecuniary interest in a contract or other matter if, he/she is in the employment of a person, or a company or other body, which has or could have, any direct interest in any matter of the PCC.

In the case of married persons the interest of one spouse shall be deemed to be also the interest of the other.

If a PCC Member has any pecuniary interest in any matter under consideration at a meeting of the PCC, he/she should disclose that fact and not take part in the discussion, or vote on any issue. Where appropriate, PCC Members should withdraw from the meeting.

There are many social connections, such as friends and relations, membership of clubs, societies or trade unions that can sometimes influence PCC Members' judgements. These should be declared at the appropriate time. Personal relationships with staff must be declared.

Policy

- 1) A register of business interests of Members of the Parochial Church Council of Whitefriars Church will be maintained by the PCC Secretary and updated annually at the first meeting of the PCC following the Annual Church Meetings. This register will be updated following written declarations made by members at the above specified meeting.

- 2) Business interests are those areas specified in the above Introduction.

- 3) Should any item on the Agenda of a PCC Meeting be of pecuniary interest to a member of the PCC, they will be required to declare this at the start of that meeting when invited to do so by the Chair of that meeting: declarations will be minuted.

Policy agreed by the PCC: dated 21 November 2016 signed _____

Policy to be reviewed: November 2019