



PCC MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held (online) at 7.30pm on Monday 22nd June 2020

STATUS
Approved
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(Public)

Present (via zoom)	Rachel Ambler, Malcolm Bourne, John Butler, Mark Ellis, Mei Yen Furey, Hannah Gibney, Alasdair Groves, Jonathan Hendry, Paul Langham, Janet Lee, Val Moore, David Newton, Cluff Noon, Di Noon, Mark Orriss, Mark Parsons, Tavi Price, Neil Shepherd (Chair), Peter Smithson, Catherine Simmonds, Graham Stuart, David Troughton.
In attendance	Sarah Lee (Ordinand on summer placement), Simon Hygate and Mike Innes (item A1)
Apologies	Errol King (away on placement)
Minutes	Tavi Price

Ref	Item	Notes	Action (what)	Who and by when
	Bible reflection	PL lead a bible reflection based on Amos ch. 5 that spoke into the current theme of biblical justice. This was followed by a time of prayer and reflection.		
A	MAIN ITEMS			
A1	RENEW Update Paper 01 & Paper 06	<p>MP introduced this item. He suggested that Paper 01, seeking additional funding for portacabins for pre-school, was parked for the time being.</p> <p>The meeting therefore focused on Paper 06 which gave a more detailed update of the state of the project. The fundraising gap for the project was reported as £312k.</p> <p>A number of questions for clarification were asked. These covered the level of risk and necessary actions if we were unable to raise all the funds and clarification of the costs of relocating pre-school. The RENEW team reassured the PCC that current funds would allow the project to commence and give ample time to develop an approach to managing the shortfall and dealing with the implications.</p> <p>The main purpose of this agenda item was to seek approval for an increase in the value of the Letter of Intent with Kitto Construction.</p> <p>Several questions were raised regarding the amount and level of risk, but the summary of the answers given was that the Letter of Intent enables us to alter final designs and cost parameters in response to the Faculty and our funding position, whilst not inhibiting progress. It is a vehicle by which we can engage with our builder</p>		

		<p>until we can get the contract signed. Any sunk costs will be included in the total contract amount of £1,558k.</p> <p>It was further clarified that the contract cannot be drawn up and signed until the Chancellor has given the approval for the Faculty. The risk of not getting sign off is insignificant.</p> <p>Proposal: The PCC authorises an increase in the value of the Letter of Intent with Kitto Construction PLC from £100k to £300k. This is intended to cover commitments up to 30th August 2020.</p> <p>Proposer: CS Seconder: HG <i>Carried unanimously</i></p>		
A2	<p>Values: Leading through listening Paper 02</p>	<p>The Core Team and Standing Committee had submitted Paper 02 to the PCC as a discussion paper on what it means to be a church that is lead through listening to the voice of God.</p> <p>The wide-ranging discussion is summarised below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The meeting broke into Zoom breakout rooms to share examples of where members have heard God speak to them. • Stories from individual groups were shared back to the larger meeting. There were many ways God had spoken to the members of the group: through others; through prayer; through the bible; through worship songs. • PCC members were encouraged to send in further stories and examples, especially if there hadn't been time to share in the group. • MP shared the reasons why the Core Team and Standing Committee felt this topic was important: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ It is Biblical – the theological foundation is that God reveals himself to us and loves to speak to us. ○ It answers our question on values – while there are many different types of values, our sense is that listening to God and acting on what we hear is a Core Value for Christ Church. ○ It was in the 2010 Parish Profile - our predecessors stated that they wanted a greater reliance on hearing God's voice. ○ It helps us discern the right thing from all the good things we could do. ○ It guards against our human wisdom, that can sometimes only take us so far when God often calls us further. ○ The SC and Core Team acknowledge that this can sometimes feel 'messy' and that many of us prefer the certainties that come from the left side of our brains. But God speaks to and through both the 	PCC – email in stories	ASAP

		<p>left and right halves of our brains! Discernment is key.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 members of the Standing Committee (GS, CS, DN and JL) were invited to share their thoughts on this and any questions that have arisen for them as they have considered it. • Members of the PCC shared their own thoughts and comments. These are summarised below: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The need to make it easy and safe for people to share what they are hearing from God – especially in the current ‘virtual’ environment. ○ Recognising that discerning what God is saying to us is a serious responsibility. (JB raised some concerns at this point about the makeup, selection and elections process for PCC members). ○ The need to have a robust process and wide group of people involved in the discernment process (JB questioned at this point how effective this process was at CC, citing his own experience of attempting to challenge the leadership on where he disputes their believe they have heard from God. He also asked for names of those who were considered prophets in the church). • NS shared an example of how this had worked in practice when the December 2019 Prayer Gathering spent time specifically listening to God for the Christmas services. There were several ways in which the words shared at that meeting were used to prepare for and shape the Christmas services • Members were encouraged to start asking God “what is the new normal for us?”– what is God saying to us in these unprecedented times? • Members were encouraged to listen before the meeting to an audio file that came from the first evening of the week of prayer in May where those present were able to give words or pictures they had in relation to this question. • Chris Whitwell, via pre-recorded video, shared a prophetic word on perspective. In the current climate when it is difficult to look that far ahead, God may be asking us to go higher and have a broader perspective. It is important that we seek times of quiet to give God the chance to speak to us in this way. • The meeting then had a minute of stillness just to listen, before going back into the breakout rooms to give any feedback. 		
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B	STANDING ITEMS			
B1	Approval of minutes Paper 03	Minutes of the meeting on 18 th May 2020 were approved		
B2	Review of PCC action tracker Paper 04	Progress on some of the items have been affected due to COVID-19 however there have been items that have progressed/closed off despite this.		
B3	Other Minutes Paper 05	A summary from the Standing Committee covering Zoom meetings from 16 th March to the 8 th June was made available for reading and noting.		
B4	Finance Report	DN gave a verbal update – next month we should have a half year report. Numbers are holding to forecast. DN expressed his encouragement that we have received a number of new pledges to regular giving.		
B5	Subgroup Reports	None		
B6	Paul's Points	None		
B7	Warden's Points	CS – wished Paul a very happy 60 th on behalf of the PCC – and something was in in the post from the members. GS – A print of Malcolm's picture of the lifeboat / people in the sea is also being gifted to Paul.		
B8	Operations Manger's Points	None		
B9	Safeguarding Update	PL – has someone still in mind as our fourth PSO but it is not a good time to press them in making a decision as they work in the medical field.		
	Review of the meeting	Break out rooms went well but more time needed in these small groups to enable everyone to have a chance to speak/share.		
	Date of next meeting	<i>Monday 20th July, 7.30pm, via Zoom</i>		
	Prayer	The meeting closed in prayer.		

Future Meetings: Mon 20th Jul, Mon 28th Sep, Sat 17th Oct, Mon 23rd Nov