



PCC MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 19th July 2021

STATUS

Approved
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(Public)

Present (in person)	Rachel Ambler, Chris Brown, John Butler, Lucy D’Orton-Gibson, Mei Yen Furey, Hannah Gibney, Alasdair Groves, Susannah KinMason, Paul Langham (Chair), Janet Lee, David Newton (DNe), Cluff Noon, Di Noon (DNo), Mark Orriss, Catherine Simmonds, Graham Stewart, Dave Vernon, Sara Wadsworth
Present (on Zoom)	Mark Ellis, Jonathan Hendry ,Tavi Price, Chris Whitwell
Guests	Helena Whitwell (item A2)
Apologies	Erica Bebb, Malcolm Bourne, Mark Parsons, Peter Smithson
Minutes	Tavi Price

Ref	Item	Notes	Action (what)	Who and by when
	Welcome Bible input	PL opened with a reading from Psalm 95, vs 1-4 CB led the meeting in prayer		
A	MAIN ITEMS			
A1	Confidential	Notes of a Confidential Item have been removed from the public minutes.		
A2	Paper 02 Consideration of the revised role specification for Chris Whitwell	<p>Helena Whitwell joined the meeting for this item.</p> <p>There were two proposals for consideration within this item:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the draft revised role specification for Chris Whitwell For Chris and Helena to be appointed Residential Wardens of Linden Gate Training Centre, and associated costs. <p>Questions were asked about the extensive job description and whether this was this too much to ask of Chris. Others asked about formal training and what that could offer.</p> <p>CW responded as follows:</p> <p>Theological training – important for members to know that he is not opposed to training. Over the years he has found that question has come from a place of fear: i.e. a cure to a deficiency that he might have. This is not a motivational reason for considering ordination or formal theological training. If the question comes from</p>		

		<p>a place of love, care, growth and development, then he would be very happy to engage with training.</p> <p>Preparation: CW responded by saying that he and Helena believe strongly in the power of the Holy Spirit to prepare them for what is ahead. He also reminded the meeting that he has been involved in pastoral ministry for 15 years and therefore has a broad and varied experience.</p> <p>Job description: It is large and it should be – he wants it to be big so he will be stretched and grow.</p> <p>Other questions were raised in connection with the wording of the job description – some more details are needed. CW responded by saying that the detail isn't there yet as this is a developing story and it will develop over the coming months and years. He went on to say that the aim is to make mature followers of Jesus who can go onto make mature followers of Jesus and so on, and this is achieved most effectively in small groups and in relationship with each other. Jesus chose to do it in this way for very good reasons.</p> <p>In conclusion, the Core Team are coming forward with these proposals and there is an element of trust required to move forward. Perhaps the only way to know that Chris and Helena are called by God to this position is to move forward and see.</p> <p>Finally, CW shared personally how he and Helena had found this process discouraging in two particular ways:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Chris has been in Christ Church as a paid member of staff for 9 years and yet it feels to him like he is an unknown quantity to everyone in the room and that feels very strange. This illustrates for Chris a disfunction in the way we operate as a church. 2) Not once during the last 6 weeks, as Chris and Helena have gone through this process, has anyone encouraged them, shown love to them, or offered to pray for them. They have found this quite hard and note that it doesn't represent the values which the PCC have reaffirmed at this meeting. <p>The meeting took the decision to take a vote whilst Chris and Helena left the meeting temporarily.</p> <p><i>Proposal: PCC votes to accept the calling and anointing on CW to a senior Lay leadership position</i></p> <p>Proposed: DN, Seconded: LDG</p> <p style="text-align: center;">For: 18 Abstentions: 2 Against: 1 <i>Proposal carried</i></p>		
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		<p>Proposal: To release top floor for the Whitwells to be their home:</p> <p>Proposed: DN, Seconded: RA</p> <p>For: 18 Abstentions: 3 Proposal carried</p> <p>Chris and Helena were invited back into the meeting to be given the results of the vote.</p>		
A3	Oakfield Road Property	<p>Background to this item: The PCC owns a property on the corner of Oakfield and Hanbury Road which, for as long as PL has been vicar, has been a Mama Bears Nursery. Historically, the DBF (Diocesan Board of Finance) has administered this under trust on our behalf, arranging and renewing the lease, collecting the rent (£11,500 per quarter) and forwarding that to Christ Church. Paul enquired about its status when he first became vicar, and would admit to being somewhat miffed when told that the DBF had then only recently extended the Nursery's lease to a date beyond what PL knew would be the length of his incumbency.</p> <p>Mama Bears have now asked the DBF to be released from the lease as their operation at Oakfield Road is closing down. Consequently, the DBF will be asked, when it meets on Tuesday 20th July, whether it agrees to the following three actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Apply to the Charity Commission for widening the terms of the current Scheme, so that the capital sale proceeds can be applied for an alternative purpose; 2) Subject to the Charity Commission's ruling, the Board to consider agreement for the net sale proceeds of 17 Oakfield Road to be transferred to the PCC of Christ Church Clifton, for ecclesiastical and charitable purposes in the parish of Christ Church w Emmanuel, Clifton; 3) Mama Bear's to be asked to pay the Board's legal and surveying Fees in the proposed sale of 17 Oakfield Road, instead of paying any further quarterly rent (currently they are paying up to September 2021). <p>The proposal from the wardens, the treasurer & PL is that we express (through a vote) our support of the DBF agreeing to these 3 decisions.</p> <p>Proposed: SM Seconded: CN Carried unanimously</p>		

B	STANDING ITEMS			
B3	Paul's Points	None		
B4	Warden's Points	None		
	Date of next meeting	Monday 27th September, 7:30pp		
	Prayer	CB brought the meeting to a close in prayer		

Future Meetings: Monday 27th September, Saturday 16th October, Monday 22nd November