



PCC MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 9.30am on Saturday 19th March 2022

STATUS

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(Public)

Present (via zoom)	Chris Brown John Butler, Lucy D’Orton Gibson, Mark Ellis, Alasdair Groves, Jonathan Hendry, Paul Langham, David Newton (DNe), Mark Orriss, Mark Parsons, Tavi Price, Graham Stuart, Dave Vernon, Sara Wadsworth, Peter Smithson, Chris Whitwell
Observers	Fay Price
Apologies	Rachel Ambler, Malcolm Bourne, Mei Yen Furey, Hannah Gibney, Susannah King Janet Lee, Di Noon, Cluff Noon, Anna Wright
Minutes	Tavi Price

Ref	Item	Notes	Action (what)	Who and by when
A		Main Items		
	Welcome	MP & PL welcomed the meeting and particularly to Fay who was observing the meeting. Apologies were given.		
A1	Leadership at Christ Church Paper 01, 02, 03	<p>MP introduced the item explaining the outcomes we were aiming to achieve:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A clear “mission shaped” purpose statement for the PCC 2. A list “qualifications” for PCC members standing at the APCM 3. Confidential <p>The meeting began in scripture as MP read Mark 3: 13-19. It’s way to focus on the part about being sent out but first they were with Jesus ... “he appointed twelve that they might be with him...”</p> <p>The meeting spent some time in prayer and in sung worship.</p> <p>The focus for today’s meeting was to focus on part one of John Truscott’s paper (Paper 01): The need for a clear purpose (part 2 and 3 to be picked up following the APCM and the newly formed PCC).</p> <p>The PCC’s mission is to be driven by the Christ Church’s purpose – Christ Church exists to make wholehearted followers of Jesus.</p> <p>Using this and the other principles (all below) from John Truscott’s paper the various small groups worked on developing a clear mission-shaped purpose statement for the PCC.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Driven by the Church’s Purpose • Clearly Defined • Leadership Focussed (not “representation”) 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Risk Taking (not safety) • Modelling Discipleship <p>Answering the question <i>We (The PCC) are here so that...</i></p> <p>Using the feedback from the groups the following was pulled together:</p> <p><i>We (The PCC) are here so that...</i></p> <p><i>.....our church family is led by the Spirit, and so enabled to become wholehearted disciples of Jesus. We will do this by being ambassadors for God’s will and direction for Christ Church and enabling each area of the church to follow it, so that Christ Church is able to play its part in God’s mission to the world.</i></p> <p>MP then went through Paper 02 (Qualifications for Membership of the PCC)</p> <p>Various discussions were had about whether this was useful, or did it put up barriers? The following will be considered when tweaking the paper:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spiritual Maturity – does this rule out a new Christian who may meet all the other criteria? • Alignment to Christ Church’s Purpose and Values – asking people to say an unreserved Amen to this is too strong! (5 people) • A willingness to serve – being first to sign up is not always possible for people with families (2 people) • Relevant experience – need to make it clear that this is not an essential requirement – the desire is that some people on the PCC have the relevant experience, not everyone! • General comment – don’t put unnecessary barriers in the way • “Qualifications” is an unhelpful word – use guidelines instead • Needs an introduction to frame the document as part of our focus on spiritual leadership • Include sense of advocacy / role models / ambassadors • This needs to work both ways (PCC to Family and Family to PCC) • Question what is wrong with representation • Clarify the sense that the PCC serves all the family • State that we are setting a “high bar” • State PCC needs to be visible • Ask if someone is being called to this role • Need some teaching on leadership – maybe as part of PCC induction of new member 	<p>Revise Membership Document in accordance with comments</p>	<p>MP (ASAP)</p>
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		Notes of a confidential item has been removed from the public minutes at this point.		
A2	Annual Report and Accounts 2021 Paper 04 (a) & (b)	<p>MP briefly explained the documents that had been sent out.</p> <p>MP requested the small groups to review the section on the annual report headed: Our future and objectives for 2022. The following was fed back:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Connect the objectives with the PCC’s purpose and with the church focus on discipleship. • Ditch the numbers as these can indicate an order of importance/priority. • Talk about the Spire Coffee Shop as being having financial stability rather than being low cost or cost neutral. • Combine relevant objectives into a focus on how the church is being used to be outward looking. Have a more aspirational title for facilities manager – this implies more of a caretaking role. • The Spear Programme (no 6) is not an objective and in any case has already happened. • Formal approval will happen at the APCM <p>A revised draft will be issued by MP.</p>	Revise document in accordance with comments	MP (ASAP)
	B	Standing Items		
B1	Apologies	Apologies were received at the start of the meeting and noted above.		
B2	Minutes Paper 04	Minutes of the 28 th Feb meeting approved		
B3	Review of PCC Action Tracker Paper 05	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CW to come back to the meeting with a plan around his role description • TP and MP to discuss contacting the various ministry areas of CC 		
B4	Finance Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper sent round re. hardship fund – for info only at this stage, read and come back with any questions or queries. • DN will be stepping down as treasurer – He and Maria are leaving to attend Cotham Parish Church but stressed that they would be leaving fired up rather than fed up. The meeting showed their appreciation for all his commitment and amazing work. 		
B5	Warden’s points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LDG will be standing as Churchwarden 		

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SG would like to stand down but will wait for a replacement – can we all be thinking and praying for whom that could be. • GS would like to get more involved in getting Christ Church more environmentally aware 		
B6	Review of the meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JB raised that the Safeguarding Policy is up for renewal and questioned how we were doing with risk and compliance • Checks to be done and brought back to next meeting 		
B7	Meeting actions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) CW to bring back plan to go alongside role profile 2) Safeguarding policy – PSO’s to review 3) MP to tidy up the “qualifications” piece for PCC job description 4) MP to tidy up objectives page of annual report 5) Look at the risk section in the annual report page 7 – and feedback back anything missing 6) Confidential 7) Living in love & faith CB to attend the deanery training after Easter 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) CW 2) PSO’s 3) MP 4) MP 5) All 6) PL 7) CB 	Next meeting
		<p>Fay closed the meeting in prayer</p> <p>Next meeting: Monday 25th April</p>		

Future Meetings:

Sunday 22nd May (APCM)

Friday & Saturday 10th/11th June (PCC Weekend Away)

Monday 27th June

Monday 18th July