



PCC MINUTES

Minutes of the meeting held at 7.30pm on Monday 21st November 2022

STATUS

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(Public)

Present	Rachel Ambler, Chris Brown, Mark Ellis, Beth French, Danish Gill, Mike Innes, Paul Langham, Janet Lee, Susannah Mason, Oni Milne, Mark Orriss, Mark Parsons, Dave Vernon, Sara Wadsworth
Apologies	John Butler, Lucy D’Orton Gibson, Mei Yen Furey, Cluff Noon, Di Noon, Anna Wright
Guests	Patrick Bolster – A2 (Finance Item)
Minutes	Tavi Price

Ref	Item	Notes
A		Main Items
	Welcome	<p>PL welcomed the meeting</p> <p>PL expressed thanks to JL and Olivia Baker who put the Christmas market together - 725 people came through the door which after a 3-year break was a remarkable achievement.</p> <p>PL then read from Psalm 36: 5-9 and the meeting had a few moments of quiet reflection and prayer.</p> <p>PL also expressed his grateful thanks to MP who, meeting after meeting, puts the agenda and papers together – work that takes a great deal of his time.</p>
A1	Big Agenda Item	<p>Commit to specific involvement in the church family</p> <p>GOAL: By the end of this session, we will have each committed to specific involvement in the life of the church family to increase our connection with church family.</p> <p>CB read from 1 Corinthians 12 – A passage about us all being part of one body.</p> <p>Time was spent praying for the church family and our wider community in small groups.</p> <p>Members were then asked to look at the lists displayed around the room that were collated following the last meeting and had many ways that we as PCC could engage with the church family – and commit to various actions.</p> <p>CB agreed to collate and distribute the lists.</p> <p>MI fed back from the session he had held with a few other members about how we can provide wider outreach to the local community – MI will keep members updated with progress.</p>
A2	Finance Paper 01	<p>Updated Management Report and Giving Tracker (to 31st Oct 2023) plus draft budget and proposals for 2023</p> <p>A number of discussion points of a confidential nature have been removed from the public minutes.</p>

		<p>A detailed paper was prepared by the Finance Team and issued before the meeting and SM walked us through the paper at a high level. The meeting then split into 4 groups.</p> <p>The proposals to be discussed were:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The PCC adopts the revised draft budget for 2023. <p>With the following modifications to be considered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce away giving by £4k – similar to the reduction agreed for 2022. • Reduce Parish Share by £16k – this would bring it to £156k which is in line with the PCC’s previously agreed policy of setting Parish Share at 1/3rd of General Fund income. • Raising a further £5k through rentals by reviewing rental income. <p>The groups then fed back:</p> <p>Group 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree about reducing the Parish Share with a caveat to reconsider if more revenue comes in • How can we raise income in the future? <p>Group 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not clear what and who we give to in terms of “Heart for the nations” <p>Group 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Similar feedback to previous groups • Can we have some alternative calculations on the budget • Live with reduced reserves for a period <p>Group 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JL looks after giving away from the parish – could be £10k rather than a £4k reduction • Toddlers parents could be charged a fixed charge for attendance • Could we seek bridging loans? • Parish share – will the diocese penalise us for a reduction? <p>There was a deep feeling of sadness in the room. RA read Isaiah 45 to the meeting. There was also a suggestion that a meeting mid-January should be held remotely. MP then offered the following revised proposal:</p> <p>Proposal: The PCC agrees the 2023 budget in principle and agrees that the Parish Share reduction should be communicated to the Diocese.</p> <p>Proposed: DV, Seconded: RA Unanimously carried</p>
	B	Standing Items
B1	Apologies	Apologies were received at the start of the meeting and noted above.
B2	Minutes	Minutes of the last meeting on the 15 th October 2022 were approved.

	Paper 02	
B3	Review of PCC Action Tracker Paper 03	Postponed to the next meeting.
B4	Update from the Property Team Paper 04	<p>A note from the meeting of the Property Team held on 4th November had been distributed before the meeting.</p> <p>Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DV is joining the team and someone from the EcoChurch group is also hoping to join • A confidential item has been removed from the public minutes here. • MI will prepare a more detailed paper to be brought to the PCC meeting in January.
B5	Leadership Team's Points	<p>MP reported the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Standing Committee considered the viability of Saturday PCC meetings and recommends just one Saturday together each year (following the APCM) rather than the present three Saturdays. MP will inform members of the change of dates. <p>MP made two requests:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Chris Whitwell's last employed day will be 16th December. The proposal is we allow him and Helena to continue to live in the Top Floor Flat rent free for the remainder of 2022 so that their tenancy can start on 1st January 2023 Proposed: BF, Seconded: CB Unanimously carried 2. The 6 month trial period for 7 Cakes Café to operate at Christ Church under the Memorandum of Understanding is coming to an end. The proposal is to extend the trial until 31st January and ask MO and David Daniels to do a review to check if the relationship is working and the aims of the partnership are being upheld. This will then inform a decision on whether the venture should continue. Proposed: ME, Seconded: MI Unanimously carried
B6	Warden's points	MO reported that the Scripture wall for RENEW will be in place in the new year.
B7	Safeguarding Update	Nothing to report.
B8	Review of the meeting / actions / confidentiality	<p>Review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dealt with sensitive issues well • Appreciate "Team PCC" • Good being able to move freely within the course of the meeting <p>Actions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A1: CB to update the printouts with our pledges

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A2: MP to communicate Parish share to the diocese • A2: Standing Committee to consider additional fundraising options ahead of extra PCC meeting on 16th Jan • A2: MP to send invite for 16th Jan (extraordinary meeting to discuss finances) • B4: MI to prepare a more detailed paper on property for January PCC meeting • B5: MP to revise PCC dates in light of only one Saturday per year • B5: MP to talk with Krystyna & Kamran re. 7 cakes café memorandum of understanding extension <p>Thanks to Patrick Bolster for attending item A2.</p>
		Next meeting: Monday 12 th December (Christmas Social)

Future Meetings 2023:

- **Monday 16th Jan – proposed for extraordinary meeting finance meeting – via zoom**
- Monday 30th Jan
- Monday 27th Feb
- Monday 20th March (*rearranged from Saturday 18th March*)