
CHRIST CHURCH, CHILWELL,

PCC MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday 15 September 2016 **Venue: Church Lounge** **Time: 7:30pm**

Present: Penny Wallace (Chair) Ruth Price (Secretary) Clint Redwood

Gary Stephenson (Treasurer) Janis Patterson Anne Willmot

Chris Roseblade Alan Darley Judith Renton

Tim Hills Chris Brignell Dawn Clarke

Ryan Mellor Colin Slater Liam O'Boyle

Jonathan Batchelor

1 Welcome, Bible Reading and opening prayer

Penny read John 1 v 1-5 to remind the group of why we are meeting together. She allowed a time of open prayer.

She announced that Archdeacon Sarah has spoken to her to let her know that Bishop Paul has asked for a Section 12 meeting to be held so that he can speak to the PCC and CPAS about this appointment. This is intended to be a positive meeting; we should not worry. However, it means that the advertisement cannot go out until this meeting is held. While we wait, we should ensure that we can do as much as we can, so the priority is to finalise the Parish Statement and advertisement wording as much as possible but there is some breathing room.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Paul Beedell, Graham Gardner, Mal Bath and June MacDougall.

3 Approval of the minutes of the last meeting, 13 July 2016, and the minutes of the Section 11 meeting, 5 September 2016

The minutes of the PCC meeting had the date changed since the draft was sent out so this was approved and signed off. Alan, Anne and Colin reminded Ruth that they had sent apologies and these were missing from the section 11 minutes. The section 11 minutes were approved once these names were added.

5 Vacancy update, including Parish Statement, and proposal from Alan Darley

Alan made two proposals for consideration by the PCC.

1. On page 6, the current wording includes a quote from the Statement of Faith by CPAS. The introduction to this quote should be changed to state that we affirm the Statement of Faith “**including**” this quote. Gary seconded this proposal. 13 voted for this amendment, 0 against, and 2 abstained. The amendment will be made to the Parish Statement.
2. On page 5, an additional section should be included to state that we affirm all the points on the official position of CPAS referring to human sexuality. Colin seconded the proposal. A discussion ensued with points being raised that included that adding it may mean that it is given too high a profile compared with other issues which the church faces and that the details may or may not be in direct contradiction with our inclusion/welcome policy and would require a whole church discussion. 1 voted for this amendment, 11 against and 3 abstained. This motion was not carried.

Clint asked the group to forward any photos of the area to him as there are still some needed. He will update the document and forward it to the PCC members for review. Clint thanked everyone who took time to email him with the amendments they had remembered from the section 11 meeting. The PCC thanks Clint for all his time in working on this document.

4 Agree wording for CPAS advertisement

Dawn found an advertisement for an incumbent which she thought was good and a similar church to ours and Colin brought in the Church Times which is filled with advertisements. Jonathan volunteered to work on the advertisement. Questions were asked as to whether we could send out the advert electronically e.g. share on Facebook or emailing links to a website. Can we put this in the “New Wine” or “Anglicans On Line” websites?

CPAS will be asked at the section 12 meeting

6 Treasurers second quarter report

Gary has no worries about the cashflow. He reported that three lump sums of money have been given, one of which is a regular annual gift which shows on the report. There were questions about the deficit and whether a giving campaign should be run. Gary confirmed that we are using savings at the moment to top up regular income. Colin reminded the group that the sermon series has been set until Christmas, so it would have to be done via a notice rather than a sermon. The third quarter report will be sent out as soon as it is ready, hopefully for the Standing Committee meeting.

7 Parish Share

Gary asked if anyone would be willing to go to the Treasurer’s and Incumbent’s meeting on 29 Sept to discuss the Parish Share. Clint and Anne said they were happy to go.

St Barnabas has looked at their budget and has made an offer towards the whole parish share cost. It is not quite as much as it would be if the calculations were applied to them, but they are planning a campaign to raise more money and if that were successful they would try to

make up the difference. Gary confirmed that he had discussed this with Richard (DCC treasurer) as agreed earlier in the year. After discussion, the PCC agreed that:

Christ Church would make up the difference so that the parish paid the whole share. The parish would not offer more than the allocation **at this time** as additional money is being used to help St Barnabas in covering the cost of the share.

The PCC is open to reviewing their contributions towards the total budget for the Deanery in Autumn 2017 if other churches are struggling to fulfil their share. The wording agreed was "We would be willing to consider this without commitment and not before Autumn 2017".

8 CAP report

The PCC was pleased to receive the report from George Russell and noted the strong commendation that George had from the Regional Manager. It was encouraging and the PCC is looking forward to CAP Sunday next month.

George is helping Greer with the planning for Messy Church and hopes that the contacts he is getting through his work with CAP would be comfortable coming to this expression of church. The PCC would like more information from George about his future plans but noted that the report was written to for the Diocesan Mission Development fund committee as part of the agreement for funding.

George will be asked to attend a future meeting to talk about his plans

9 Hall progress plus proposal to offer Simon and Andy a thank you gift

The PCC agreed that the lounge looks great. It was reported that several issues arose during the work which were unforeseen, e.g. replacing floor boards that were damaged due to an unknown leak, and both Simon and Andy have put in many extra hours to get things done on time. It was agreed that presents should be offered to them both. Simon suggested getting Andy a new drill as his broke during the works. Simon will be asked to buy it and send the invoice to Gary. Dawn will ask Louise what to get Simon, up to a total of £300.

Dawn to action

It was also agreed that during our next project, the scope of work should be better defined so that so much additional work should not be needed.

Dawn asked the PCC to approve the purchase of new chairs for the lounge as the ones there are too heavy. She proposed that a team consisting of herself, Sky, Fran, and a representative from the WI, go to Mansfield where chairs have been found which might be suitable. There are a number of different groups which use the room and it may be difficult to find something that suits everyone. The PCC agreed to this, but suggested instead of replacing all the chairs, just a number would be bought and perhaps of different types (e.g. with arms and without) and more bought after they have had some use. The PCC approved a budget of £1200 to the Hall Review group to do this work.

Hall review group to action

Dawn thanked Judith, Janis and the team for painting the small hall over the summer as an interim measure. It looks much better. Work is being done on the proposal, discussions with Graeme and getting quotes, etc. Dawn presented her current plans for improvements to the hall drawn on the flipchart, which the PCC were very positive about. Dawn will write a notice for the notice sheet summarising the progress for the congregation.

Dawn to write notice

10 Website update

Helen Hobbs and Dave Wooldridge have spent lots of time updating the website and it looks great. Dawn encouraged the PCC to have a look at it. There are some gaps on the PCC page and Ruth confirmed that she needed to send text to Helen to complete it.

PCC to look at website. Ruth to send information to Helen.

11 Update on placement student

Penny reported that Jade will be going to Sheffield in the end as they are in a better position and can offer her the two years she needs. However, this means that there continues to be an issue with the youth work in terms of volunteers.

12 Kerry's wedding gift from the PCC

Penny confirmed that the PCC gave Kerry a cheque for £100 as a wedding gift. She has already thanked us in the notices.

13 Matters arising

Piano – a piano has been purchased and is being used. The price included a grand piano stand and pedals for £100 less than the budget price. Musicians that have used it so far have reported that it works well.

Photo board – Most of the photos have been printed. Ruth needs to find the time to print off text and arrange them on the board. They will be attached with Velcro discs. There was a discussion about the other board for staff team and wardens. This will be done by the staff team, though Judith offered to help if they needed it. It was suggested that the inclusion/welcome policy to be made more obvious and eye-catching too.

Ruth to ask Kerry to order discs

Adult Safeguarding Policy email expressing concern – Anne to contact Sally at an appropriate time to get further information about the issues she raises.

Anne to action

Man Alive Breakfast – Ruth to follow up on Men's fellowship and Dads and Tots volunteers

Ruth to action

14 AOB and Close in prayer

Janis raised concerns about Kev not being around during the day to act as caretaker. Clint confirmed that this was a larger issue that he was working on with Kev.

Penny closed in prayer.

Date of next SC meeting: 3 October 2016

Date of next PCC meeting: 14 November 2016

A section 12 meeting will also be required but date is unknown at the date of writing minutes.