
CHRIST CHURCH, CHILWELL,

PCC MEETING MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 21 February 2017

Venue: Back of Church

Time: 7:30pm

Present: Penny Wallace (Chair)

Ruth Price (Secretary)

Clint Redwood

Gary Stephenson

Janis Patterson

Anne Willmot

Chris Roseblade

Alan Darley

Judith Renton

Tim Hills

Chris Brignell

Dawn Clarke

Ryan Mellor

1 Welcome, Bible Reading and opening prayer

Penny read Acts 11v21-26a then encouraged the group to go around and say what they found most encouraging about their time at Christ Church.

2 Apologies

Apologies were received from Colin Slater, Jonathan Batchelor and Graham Gardner. Liam had emailed to apologise for arriving late as he had a clashing appointment.

3 Approval of the minutes of the last meeting, 18 January 2017.

Ryan proposed and Dawn seconded. The minutes were approved and Penny signed them.

4 Update on the Vacancy

Clint notified the group that new dates had been proposed:

PCC to get advert to CPAS: 20 March

Advertisement in papers: 31 March – 7 April

Closing date: 25 April

Short listing: 28 April (by CPAS with input from Wardens and Bishop)

Visits sometime in May

Interviews on the afternoon of 15 May

The church was not eligible for a free advertisement, as we thought we were entitled to, because we didn't re-advertise straight away with the same advert. The group commented

that the deal wasn't as good as it appeared and suggested that Clint feedback that to CPAS. However, the diocese will pay 50% of re-advertising as the Bishop preferred to delay posting the second advertisement. Clint to action

Clint asked if the PCC wanted to reword the advert. The general consensus was that wouldn't be necessary, but that Clint should ask CPAS to suggest if paying a bit more for a frame or colour to make it stand out might be worth it, or if they had other advice. Clint to action

Wardens to put notice in the notice sheet to let the congregation know that the closing date for applications in the next round would be the end of April with the interview on 15 May. Wardens to action

5 Prayer for Vacancy

The PCC spent some time in prayer for the Vacancy.

6 Annual Review, Report and Accounts

Ryan and Chris reported that the review of 2016 was almost complete and hoped that all comments from the PCC were in. The secretary had a few comments which she will send to Ryan and Chris within a few days (with apologies for not having done it before). Overall the group was very happy with the report and thanked Ryan and Chris for their hard work in compiling the document. Secretary and any others to action

Gary outlined that the document he has is heavily structured and he can't change this, just complete it. Any comments from the PCC should be submitted to Gary by 4 March, and a timetable of events was given by Gary in the papers before the meeting. Gary invited some representatives of the PCC to review the transactions in detail. Ryan and Tim have agreed to do this. Karen, who now deals with the giving at Christ Church, will soon have a church email which people can use to contact her. PCC to action

Gary recommended starting the momentum on increasing giving this year so that the deficit can be reduced and money available for the staff workers the church pays for.

7 Preparation for APCM

Penny reviewed the vacancies – PCC, DS, sidespeople, assistant wardens and she is collecting information for sidespeople and AWs to see who will stand again. She suggested presenting Graham a gift to thank him for all the work he's done for the PCC and church over the years, as he is standing down. Penny reminded Ruth to include a vote to allow Penny to extend her tenure as Warden for another year, in the APCM agenda. Penny to action.

Clint then showed the draft slides for the meeting. The PCC felt they were very good and had a few comments:

- Ensure that through-out the presentation, Clint clarified that he was talking about people's work (particularly those with non-church/charity work) not just what they do at church Clint to action
- Use a bigger font to make it clearer
- There is lots of new thinking and ideas – suggest to spend a bit of time unpacking and clarifying to make sure people follow.
- If there is mention of a particular group on the slides, it would be good to mention

who people should contact if they were interested in joining.

- “White Hot Why” – perhaps use a different phrase to explain idea.
- Don’t need “interim” as it’s not vicar’s vision but God’s vision, ultimately.

The wardens outlined some social ideas for getting to know each other and the parish more. PCC to action
Perhaps a parish event – dance, meal, quiz or something. Challenge to visit all the pubs in the parish over the next six months, etc. Dawn and Penny to start a group to organise this. People outside the PCC may also be asked, e.g. welcome teams... If people are keen to join, they should contact the secretary.

8 Hall update/Fabric report

Planning permission has been applied for the extension. Judith commented that acknowledgement from the council has been received today, with a date of approval in April. Dawn has approached builders for quotes. A quote for wooden sliding doors have been obtained for the small hall and the stage at a cost of £8000. Simon to ask Graeme for advice on noise control. Dawn to ask Simon to action

There is asbestos in the floor of the small hall which will need to be removed. Before work starts we need a report outlining where the asbestos is in the areas where work will take place. A quote of £260+VAT has been obtained. Dawn will ask Simon to send the quote to Ecclesiastical Direct (our insurers) to ensure that the report will show enough to cover us for the work/the work down by those making the report will not damage the building beyond what ED will cover if there is a problem. Dawn to action

The lower and upper rooms are due for new carpets and painting/lights, etc. Corridor needs painting. Locks on doors to church was thought to be a good idea for use when people are using the church, but Simon will need to check if a Faculty will be needed. Clint/Dawn to ask Simon to action

Richard Dye, a treasurer at Christ Church for a number of years, has left a legacy of £5000 for use for projects at the PCCs discretion. The PCC thanks the family of Richard for this gift. Gary to contact the solicitors

Work done, in progress and planned will be added to the information for the APCM. Clint to action

9 PCC dates including Away Day Ideas

During our away day, it has been suggested that the group listen to/watch one or two of the recorded messages from Willow Creek that Clint bought at the recent event which the staff team attended. During this time the PCC could review the interim vision.

Clint to send round a Doodle Poll for Saturdays in May/June to see what worked for most of the PCC. Clint to action

Any other ideas for the away day, please contact the wardens or secretary PCC to action

10 General Synod Report

Colin was not present for the meeting but he is going to write something for the notices after he's attended a meeting with the Bishop and other GS delegates on 23rd March. Colin to action

10 Matters arising

Graham Shenton – visiting housegroups and being involved in pastoral care. He would like to visit the PCC at a future meeting. The PCC agreed he would be very welcome. Ruth to contact Graham to organise this.

Fundraising day for CAP – PCC to discuss and plan for May. It will be in May and George will be asked to speak about his work. Penny and Anne to take the lead in planning this. Penny and Anne to action.

Outward giving – Is the PCC happy to continue funding the individuals and groups we had suggested we would continue to fund for the next year. The PCC aims to give away 10% of received giving which is where we are currently at, though a bit more. They PCC approved this giving for the final year, and Anne will email the recipients to confirm this. She will also encourage the groups and individuals to speak at church. Anne to action

Does the PCC need to plan for funding more people? Ruth had contacted Mary Stanley who commented that one couple had informally approached her but they hadn't had a formal meeting; it's too soon to predict if they may want to ask the church for funds. Currently there is no additional needs identified through the Mission Team but the PCC will consider requests on an adhoc basis.

Ben and Sarah Marston have had a baby girl. Ruth to send card. Ruth to action

Daryoosh Zareian – Sara had told Ruth that Daryoosh has some talks on speaking to and understanding Muslims which he would be happy to give to small or large groups at church. Ruth passed this news on to the wardens.

Room hire – Is the church charging an appropriate rate for the rooms? Chris R to ask Kerry for a list of amounts groups pay for review at a future PCC meeting. Chris R to action

Cleaning – Some reports were that cleaning is not taking place, e.g. stairs to upper room, but others reported that Kev was more available and that the male toilet in the church was cleaner. Clint to feedback to Kev

Preachers – Are the wardens finding enough speakers for the Sundays? There were several suggestions of other people who may be willing to speak.

Penny commented that the wardens were immensely grateful for those who are doing more than they would ordinarily do for the church during the time of vacancy.

12 Close in prayer

The group said the grace to close.

Date of next SC meeting: 26 April 2017

Date of next PCC meeting: 16 March 2017 (very short meeting on 12 March at 12.15pm in the lower room)

APCM: 27 March 2017