

Parochial Church Council Minutes

Parochial Church Council
6th November 2023, 7.30pm
B&A 279 Gloucester Road

Name		Present	Apology	Name		Present	Apology
James Stevenson	JS	Y		Wayne Massey	WM		Y
Claire Pengelly Scott	CPS		Y	Steve Myerscough	SM	Y	
William Bevan	WB	Y		Jeremy Peters	JP	Y	
Gayle Bryant	GB		Y	Steve Glanville	SG	Y	
Jane Auld	JA	Y		Michael Hillman	MH	Y	
Alex Murray	AM	Y		Chris Rollitt	CR	Y	
Staff Team Members Present							
Liz Gaulton ♦	LG			Wendy Massey ♦	WJM		
Matti Shannon ♦	MS			Ellen Crane ♦	ES		
Ann Tizzard ♦	AT			Helen Lambourne ♦	KS		
Lindsay Davey ♦	LD			Judith Stewart ♦	JthS		
Sarah Yates ♦	SY			Naomi Myerscough ♦	GBu		
Ron Cross ♦	RC	Y					

♦ Non-voting member

1	Governance	Action
1.1	<u>Apologies</u> As noted above.	
1.2	<u>DBS Clearances</u>	
	Alex Murray 30/06/23 1837010901 Application PCC	
	Jennifer Devereux 06/07/23 1837940614 Application Kids Church	
	Ron Cross 25/07/23 1840749817 Application Employed Staff Member	
	Steve Glanville 16/08/23 1843691816 Application PCC	
	Wendy Massey 28/09/23 1849495814 Renewal Employed?	
	Jeremy Peters 28/09/23 1849495800 Renewal PCC	
	Kwok Shu Man 31/10/2023 1854182239 New Kids & Youth Leader	
	Cowell Susan 30/10/2023 1854009862 Renewal Kids & Youth Leader	

<p>1.3</p>	<p><u>Minutes of Previous Meeting</u> Minutes from the previous meeting were received by the PCC as accurate representation of the meeting. Proposed JA Seconded:2 JP Vote: Unanimous (except for abstentions from MH and WB)</p>	
<p>1.4</p>	<p><u>Safeguarding</u> JS read a note from CPS about recent updates to safeguarding policy to close previous gaps. PCC agreed to regularly review the policy and keep safeguarding as an important issue that may be raised wherever anyone has a concern. JS highlighted that C2 training would no longer be required for little church leaders as it was identified as not being necessary for these leaders.</p> <p>MH pointed out typo - p23 of policy doc 'exportation'.</p> <p>The adoption of this new Safeguarding Policy - 2023 was then proposed. Proposal: MH Seconded: SG Vote: unanimous</p>	
<p>2</p>	<p>Vision and Strategy</p>	
<p>2.1</p>	<p>JS shared updates regarding vision and strategy - B&A has a heart to serve the large areas of Bristol that are underserved by churches (churches outside the centre/central north of Bristol). JP shared his experience of helping at St Agnes church and how this could be replicated by others elsewhere. JS clarified that this vision is to work with churches across the denominations. The main reason for partnerships is working churches with a heart for evangelism and serving their communities. PCC discussed the sorts of churches they'd like to partner with, and what reasons there might be for not partnering with them. JS shared that this vision could even involve one day sending members of B&A to help church plant with other churches in the areas in which they live. This vision has been defined as 'Bringing Bristol to Jesus'.</p> <p>WB asked what coordination there is with other large churches in Bristol with similar missions. JS is trusting the spirit to guide us, alongside conversation with other churches, particularly other LYN hubs. JS and RC shared we can partner in unique ways and are not trying to compete with current offerings and work by other churches (e.g. by offering meals).</p>	

	JS shared and explained the values that he saw as defining B&A - Faith, Hope and Love. These are truths that are easy for members to remember as our values. These come from 1 Cor 13.	
3	Budget	
3.1	<p>WB provided update regarding budget and recent offering. This shows expenditure is still above forecast income and levels of giving are not as high as one might expect for church of our size and demographic.</p> <p>Parish share forecast to be £135k. Diocese has requested £142k. Suggestion to pay quarterly not monthly.</p> <p>Proposal to set parish at £135k and pay quarterly. Proposed: WB Seconded: JA Vote: unanimous</p>	
4	Building update	
4.1	JP provided building update. Two faculties approved since last meeting. Maintenance work, structuring work, including roof undergo. Finances do not currently allow us to do everything we wish to with the building.	
4.2	JS shared plan for park site. The garden site is proving difficult to sell due to disagreement with diocese. We now know that we do not own the church building itself - this is owned by diocese. JS shared plan to combine plot with hall and bring both to market. A couple of Christian organisations have shown interest in buying the hall and bringing to market may accelerate this and highlight the opportunity to others.	
5	AOB	
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6	Date of Next Meeting	
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