



Parochial Church Council Meeting – NOTES Monday 1st September 2025 - 7.30pm – 9.30pm in the Conservatory

2025/26 PCC Members: Stuart Hull (Chair/Warden), Steve Cornick (Treasurer), Nigel Day (Warden), Nick Elbourne, John Fleming, Alan Fryer, Jenny Harris, Paula Jones, Matt Lee (Associate Minister), Keith Loveless, Gillian Mannouch, Kevin Metcalfe, David Morgan, Lisa Perry (Minutes), Ann Powell, Kirsty Pringle, James Sharman, Janine Thomas, Paul Wareham.

1) Welcome

Stuart welcomed the committee. This is our opportunity to pray, discuss and reach a decision – hopefully with one mind, but at least with a majority view on each point. We will give an indicative vote so that we are relatively clear on our plans for the Section 11 meeting.

a) New member: Kevin Metcalfe (joined 1/9/25)

Stuart welcomed Kev who explained his reasons for joining. First arrived and as a Church Army Officer was given LLM status. Didn't realise this meant he could join the PCC as ex-officio. Discovered 5 years later. Wasn't in a rush to join the PCC then. With Peter retiring and asking Kev to take on the Chair of Preschool Committee, he felt now is the right time. Also, wanted to input to the governance structure to ensure we were doing things correctly – gave the recent Warden re-election as an example.

2) Opening prayers

James read Eph 1:15-23: Janine then explained this is Paul praying for the church because the church was chosen – applies to us today. Paul gave thanks – good for us to do too. Paul prays for a spirit of wisdom and revelation – so do we. Knowing God better. The eyes of our heart should be enlightened – seeing the vertical, not just the horizontal....those things that are unseen and eternal. We are God's glorious inheritance. Paul reminds us that God has chosen to put his power into his people, as he did with Jesus. Paul goes on to praise Jesus, who is the head and authority – where we are his body. The committee prayed.

3) Apologies: Lisa Perry, Nick Elbourne

4) Section 11 items – in groups of 3 or 4

a) Parish Profile (see latest draft – text only version)

i) Review the PP in sections

(1) **Loving Jesus**

Suggested edits noted and will be reviewed and incorporated by the working group.

A discussion was held re the use of the term Conservative Evangelical – does it restrict us / what do we think it means? Should we use this 'label'? Does it imply we have nothing 'charismatic'? Could we, as a church, be using more of the Gifts of the Spirit? Does using this term limit us? The Church Society advises using terms that applicants would understand and that describe where we are. The language we use should be clear of where we are – presumably we would not want to use terms like liberalism, charismatic, complementarianism etc.? We can still use the term Conservative whilst still encouraging the Gifts of the Spirit. The Warden's intro endeavours to do this.

Is the order / flow right?

(2) **Loving Church**

Edits noted

(3) **Loving Wimborne...and the World**

Edits noted

ACTION: ALL - Stuart asked members to report to him if anyone feels unable to vote for the next version of the Parish Profile, which will include the suggested edits.

ii) Decision re Bishops' Introductions required

The Committee agreed we should include an introduction from both bishops.

ACTION: PJ – To request introductions from both bishops.

- b) Parish Reps – 3 allowed. If a vote is required only 2 can vote (verified)

Stuart, Nigel and Paula left the meeting for the remaining members to openly discuss any thoughts or concerns on the choice of reps.

Upon their return Paul W provided feedback and advised that he will seek clarity, on behalf of the committee, to confirm whether any conflicts of interest exist regarding relationships between potential reps and potential applicants. Paul will feedback after his conversations with the diocese and Church Society.

ACTION: PAUL

- c) Alternative episcopal oversight:

The wardens are proposing to maintain our position on alternative episcopal oversight. The minutes of the meeting (28.3.22) at which the resolution was passed previously were available for review.

The committee agreed with this proposal.

- d) Advertising method

The committee agreed to use the open advertising method.

5) Any Other Business

- a) Ride & Stride – 13th September (PCC approval for external activity) – provided by email approval the following day.

Future Meetings: 29 September (Section 11 Meeting), 24 November (additional meetings may be required)