

# Hughenden Parochial Church Council

Minutes of Meeting - Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at 7.30 pm in Church House

## Present

Clergy: Keith Johnson (Vicar), Helen Peters (Associate Minister)  
Churchwardens: Julia Grant, Frank Hawkins  
Elected: Janet Booth, Mike Hill, Arthur Johnson, Brian Morley, Antony Rippon,  
Ben Sharp, Mark Sherrington  
Secretary: Susan Brice  
  
Apologies: Clare Godfrey, David Tester, Christopher Tyrer

*This was an additional meeting to deal with the subject of Vision.*

Keith opened the meeting with an extended time of worship and prayer. The Vision Statement that was approved by the PCC in June of 2022 was circulated and discussion went on from there as to what should come next and how to move forward in a positive and timely fashion.

It was reiterated that there would be 2 groups: one concerned with buildings and facilities to be led by Keith and a second group, led by Helen, which would address outreach and involvement with the community. It was agreed that other members of the church family needed to be involved and they would be people with a passion for God and the community.

Antony suggested that terms of reference for both groups should be ready to be presented to the PCC at the next meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March. Also, names of possible people to be involved should be offered. Several members noted that a personal approach to inviting anyone to join one of the groups would be most effective.

It was agreed that Brian would be central to the group considering church buildings as he had a solid understanding of how best to raise grant money for any future projects. It was noted that planning here would need by necessity to be bold and adventurous to attract useful amounts of funding.

It was agreed that 5 PCC members and 5 from the congregation would be a workable number for each group. How frequently these groups might meet would have to be carefully considered.

Ben Sharp asked the PCC to contemplate what tangible outcomes would be required to meet the Vision statement and then to look at what would be the short and long term priorities. He commented that a consideration of resources should not limit thinking.

Helen agreed with Ben that the thinking should be threefold: inwards (buildings), outwards (community) and upwards (lifelong worship).

Discussion took place about how the congregation should be informed about the vision of the church. It was agreed that Ben Brice would be asked to create slides to advertise and raise awareness of this important subject for the screens in church. Keith said that he would preach on this topic during our Combined 10am service on 26<sup>th</sup> March, after which we have our AVM & APCM.

Frank agreed to provide refreshments for the PCC meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Keith asked Helen to close in prayer and the meeting concluded at 8.56 pm.

Susan Brice (PCC Secretary)

24<sup>th</sup> February 2023