

Hughenden Parochial Church Council

Tuesday 28th October 2025 at 7.30 pm held in Church House

Extraordinary Meeting for the purpose of fulfilling Section 11 requirements for the vacancy.

Present:

Clergy: Rev. Helen Peters

Churchwardens: Andrew Cole, Frank Hawkins

Co-opted: Chris Coyston

Elected: Janet Booth, Julia Grant, Roger Grant, Antony Rippon,
Mark Sherrington, Colin Wilkinson, Pauline Wilkinson

Visiting: James Adam (from the Oxford Diocesan Board of Patronage)

Frank opened in prayer, reading from the psalms.

1. Consider the summary of responses from the questionnaire

Discussion about the summary took place.

It was questioned as to whether there was enough in the document about youth, vision and community, also whether the summary was too nice.

It was noted that Eco Church was not mentioned.

It was reiterated that the summary was taken entirely from the responses of the congregation.

James Adam thought it was an excellent document. He commented that our strengths and weaknesses will be noted in the final profile.

2. Proposed optimum timescale for appointment of new vicar

Frank talked about putting an advert into Church Times, aiming at early January 2026. The cost would be £1,099. Questions were asked about the possibility of using an electronic advert.

James Adam pointed out that the two best times to advertise were immediately after Christmas and Easter.

The Parish Profile needs to be completed before the advert. It needs to be approved by the PCC, thus it will need to be completed a week before the PCC meeting on 27th November. The Bishop and the archdeacon will need to add to the profile.

James Adam pointed out that we need to send the summary to the Bishop as he will write the introduction.

3. Appointment of designated parish representatives

There was unanimous agreement to the appointment of Andrew Cole and Frank Hawkins as our designated parish representatives.

James Adam commented that we need to put some focus on the vicarage and give a picture of what the accommodation consists of. Frank thought we could ask Emily Jenkins for some assistance with this.

James Adam was asked to explain the Section 12 meeting and he told the PCC that we need to make a date for that to take place and we should offer several possible dates. Frank said he would contact the Diocesan Registrar Darren Oliver.

4. Christmas Charities

Proposed by the Mission Group:

Embrace the Middle East; The Children's Society; One YMCA

There was unanimous agreement to these charities.

The Mission Group had carefully considered many charities before making their decisions.

5. AOB

Roger Grant said he had been contacted with the warning that a man called David Butterworth was presenting himself as an organist for services. This man is considered to be a danger to children.

Helen wanted to say thank you for the cakes made for the meeting.

Frank thanked James Adam for attending the meeting and for his expertise.

The meeting ended with Helen offering prayer and it closed at 8.35 pm.

Susan Brice – PCC Secretary
29th October 2025