

Clarence Park Baptist Church
CHURCH MEETING – Minutes (New CIO)

SUNDAY 5th March 2023

Following the morning service

1. **Opening Prayer** –. Steve opened meeting in prayer welcoming everyone as we meet under our new CIO status
2. **Attendance:** Sheet to be signed including apologies; Members: 38 Non-member: 1
Apologies: 17
3. **Minutes of Church Meeting:** 20th November 2022 (separate document referenced) Minutes accepted as correct by meeting.
4. **Matters arising – not covered elsewhere.**
 - a. CIO update – New bank account has been opened under the new CIO, Ruth will be advising details but be reassured the current bank account remains open.
 - b. Re-Imagine Weston – update.
Elisabeth S reported back on the previous Re-Imagine meetings with Milton, Worle, Bristol Road emphasizing the meetings of Baptist family churches is about discipleship and collaborative working for example through a shared Face Book group. Next meeting is 15th March.
5. **Treasurers' items**
 - a. Financial Update - (summary sheet available) Steve reported on behalf of Ruth F that our recent offerings at the start of this year are above budgeted figure and gave thanks to the church; let's be encouraged.
6. **Secretaries' items**
 - a. Membership Issues:
 - i. Membership Application – Su' W brought to the meeting a visitor report on membership application for Jacky Arnold. Jacky has a wealth of experience and involvement in church life. Su' and Jon B formally recommended Jacky to the meeting and her application accepted unanimously.
 - ii. Church Directory - update of changes such as change of address to be made to Kevin S and Julie D for future inclusion, also any new GDPR returns if not already completed. (Noted that changes can be made to GDPR data form by an amendment slip completed by Kevin S/Julie D on behalf of fellowship)
 - iii. BMS Birthday Scheme - Elisabeth S brought to the meeting Pat U's decision to step down from her role after many year's work. Steve expressed on behalf of the church thanks and appreciation. Everyone asked to carefully consider about taking on this work and if you'd like to know about this role and speak with Elisabeth S/Steve C.
 - iv. Baptist Assembly 2023 Delegates - invitation to the membership to attend the BU Assembly being held in Telford.
 - v. Church Rota's – Please continue to consider how you could help and support and join the team.
 - vi. Deacons Election – CPBC is now a new CIO requiring the whole leadership team has to step down rather than carry forward terms of office. Meeting asked to pray carefully about nominations for the church leadership recognising the whole diaconate has to be elected (choice for 1, 2 & 3 year term of office) to avoid the whole diaconate to be re-elected.
7. **Safeguarding** – Tori Harpur introduced herself in the role as the church's nominated safeguarding person.

8. Fabric

Steve reported back briefly on Paul F's fabric report highlighting items. Please be advised to note matters of concern in the Fabric Book.

The new defibrillator is ready to be installed.

9. Ministers Items

- i. Easter and Lent - services and studies already underway and details available.
- ii. Sabbatical Arrangements - Steve advised the meeting of his period from September – November 2023, he will be focusing on study at Bristol Baptist College, retreats and family holiday.

10. Encouragement and prayer - time to consider good news, answered prayer.

11.

Steve led prayer for Locking Castle church in the appointment of their next minister. Prayers also for our wider Weston Baptist family and churches.

Meeting invited to pray together and share concerns for fellowship in prayer.

12. AOB – to be added to the next agenda is to be disclosed to the chair before the start of the meeting.

No items for consideration at the meeting.

13. Close - Meeting closed with the sharing of the Grace.

Meeting closed at: 12.22pm