

CIRCUIT MEETING MINUTES
7th March 2023
Bournemouth Methodist Church @ Victoria Park

1. Rev Tony Cavanagh welcomed the trustees to the meeting
2. Opening Devotions were led by Deacon Gill Judge
3. **Agree Membership of meeting**
The Secretary recorded the attendance and the membership list was agreed .
4. **Apologies for absence were received** from Brian Tucknott, Deacon Suzie Viana, Keshento Burbidge, Dr Terry Fish, Lesley Fernand, Tony Fernand, Alan McCoy, Anita Hazell, Edwina Gould, Sheilah Goddard, Denise Gibbs, Chris Melhuish, Eileen Osgood, Danny Plews.
5. **Letters of Greeting & Acknowledgement and Items for Prayer**
Letters of greeting to be sent to Rev David le Poidevin, Danny Plews and Dennis Dean
6. **Minutes of the meeting** held 6th December 2022 had already been circulated and were agreed.
7. **Matters Arising**
There were no matters arising
8. **News from Churches**

Victoria Park – Ros Murray reported the Café and its outreach was going from strength to strength. Links have been made with the Talbot School with them engaging in Godly Play. Another group of children came to make and serve teas & coffee.

Broadstone – Joan Jackson reported about the 20 years celebrations of the rebuild, with many events taking place during the year starting with a craft fair on Saturday 11th March. The church is actively working to encourage a greener environment. Thirsty Thursday and Messy Church continue to thrive.

Poole – Eifron Hopper reported the Circuit Youth Group was continuing to be very successful and would encourage young people across the circuit to join them. They are blessed with many children attending their services. The Spire has been working with the council on the Food & Warmth incentive providing free teas and coffee and 'kids eat free'; also links with the foodbank to give a free meal to someone in need. The Spire have a Sharing Sunday once a month. Deacon Gill Judge reported they have a good relationship with the Old Town School and are expecting 60 children at the Easter Messy Church.

Upton – Chris Snape reported the Daisy Chain sessions continue to be popular, the last session having 30 children and 18 adults attending. The Pre-School is full. The decking at Upton is being replaced and extended.

Wool – Rev Karen James reported the ecumenical links with the Anglican and Catholics were strong in Wool with the Padre at Bovington Camp keen to link in. At Easter they will be sharing in a Walk of Witness.

Swanage – Rev Karen James reported Messy Church will be held in April. The First Steps Toddler Group has more children attending now.

9. Life of the Circuit

9.1 Mission Updates – Deacons Gill reported she and Deacon Suzie Viana are thinking of embarking on a new 'Beach Mission'. From a beach hut they want to offer teas and coffees, Sunday services and anything else to reach out into the community. They both continue with the Godly Play once a fortnight at Victoria Park.

9.2 Report from Circuit Youth Group – Kate White

Kate's report had been circulated previously and was adopted by the meeting.

9.3 Report from Local Preachers – Dr Terry Fish

Terry's report had been circulated previously and was adopted by the meeting.

9.4 Staffing Update – The change in funding source for Rev Chris Moreton's role was discussed under Finance.

Future Finance / Property Roles – Churches were encouraged to discuss this item in their local meetings to see if it was needed.

10. Governance

10.1 Safeguarding Officers Report – Rev Karen James reported a 'Health Check' sheet had been sent to local churches; local reps were currently working on it to keep up with legislation. Karen reiterated Safeguarding was everyone's responsibility. There is a need to attend training sessions this year, Karen is working on this and people/trustees will be advised accordingly.

10.2 Appeal for a New Circuit Stewards

It is important for continuity of the circuit to have new stewards, please give it some consideration and prayer.

10.3 Lay Rep to District Policy Committee

District need a name by June

10.4 Unconscious Bias / Compulsory Inclusion, Diversity and Inclusion Training

Circuit Trustees, Church Stewards and Circuit Invitation Committee all need to do this training.

11. Finance - Andrew Goodwin

11.1 Approval of 2021/22 Report & Accounts including Letter of Representation and Comment

The Report and Accounts had been circulated previously. Andrew Goodwin gave an overview of the accounts highlighting the main areas and commitments against the £1.8 million in Circuit funds. The meeting approved the Report & Accounts. Thanks were expressed to Andrew and Louise for their diligent work.

11.2 Approval 2022 PBMC Annual Return – Circuit Meeting Report

The Return had been circulated previously and was approved

11.3 Approval 2022 PBMC Annual Return – Property Information

The Return had been circulated previously and was approved

11.4 Approval of Risk Management Policy

The Risk Management Policy had been circulated previously and was approved. Thanks were expressed to Andrew, Michelle, Louise and Karen for all the work they do on our behalf.

11.5 Approval of Charity Commission Checklist

The Charity Commission Checklist had been circulated previously and was approved

11.6 Approval of Annual Property Returns

The Annual Property Returns had been circulated previously and was approved

11.7 Proposal from Poole Methodist's Church Council – John Beasley

The Proposal from Poole Methodists Church Council had been circulated previously. Andrew Goodwin explained the meetings were well supported by the District. The meeting agreed to the recommendations listed in the report.

11.8 Approval of Budget / Circuit Assessments

The Budget / Circuit Assessments had been circulated previously. As we do not intend going into Stationing for a replacement for Rev Nick Wood, the Circuit will drop to 3 Presbyters and 2 Deacons, Circuit funds will be used to fund Rev Chris Moreton / Lay Workers salaries. The meeting agreed the Budget and Circuit Assessment. Thanks were expressed to Andrew for all his hard work.

12. Property

12.1 Update regarding sale of Wareham Church

The sale of Wareham Church is still awaiting the Local Authority's decision on their Nutrient's Policy which could be in April if the last communication still stands. The buyer is still on board according to the Agents.

12.2 Update on Manses:

York Road

The manse was valued at £525,000. The sale needs to be registered with TMCP and a QRS valuation is required which Karen Price is working on.

Wimborne Road

The sale of Wimborne Road Manse is proceeding following our acceptance of an offer of £450,000.

St Luke's Road

New tenants now occupy the manse.

Browning Avenue

Tony reported there was a problem with the pipework for the central heating and a number of radiators needing to be replaced, the property only heats to 16 degrees; cost of the repairs £2500. There is also an ongoing problem with damp and estimated cost to correct £50000. It is proposed that the bare minimum of work be done to the manse to make it comfortable, with a view to selling when Tony leaves.

13. Any other business

There was no other business to discuss

14. Date of next meeting 13th June 2023 on Zoom

Date of future meetings	12 th September 2023	Circuit Meeting Venue - Upton
	5 th December 2023	Circuit Meeting Zoom