



<p>29.2.3 Atwater Court [see Minute 4.2.5] Contracts were exchanged on 17 October 2018 and the sale for £297,500 was completed on 29 October 2018.</p>	
<p>29.2.4 Greenhill Society [see Minute 4.2.6] The Charity Commission has made a cy pres scheme allowing us to sell the church building. An offer of £2,100,000 from Bright Little Stars Barnet Limited has been accepted for it and it is hoped to exchange contracts next week.</p>	JZB
<p>29.2.5 Bank Account and Investment Management Signatories (see Minute 4.2.7) Mrs Sally Field reported that all the signatories on the CCLA accounts were correct but that Mrs Lara Nicholls still needed to be added to the Newton and Rathbones accounts. She was not sure of the position regarding RBS as she had been unable to obtain details from them. She also reported that RBS was going to increase its charges by about £400 a year and thought that it might be as well to consider closing the Special Interest Account and possibly changing our bank. She will look into this.</p>	SGF
<p><b>Resolved:</b> that the schedule of bank and investment account signatories produced by Mr David Haseler be approved.</p>	
<p>29.2.6 Safeguarding (see Minute 4.2.8) Document 5 has yet to be received from Accrington. It was suggested that Mrs Lara Nicholls telephone the Secretary rather than emailing David Sharrock who is shown as the contact for the Society.</p>	LKN
<p>29.2.7 Purley Chase Managerial Situation (see Minute 8 and Confidential Minute 23) Mr Grant Brackley has agreed to be the Line Manager for Mrs Rachel Gilsean.</p>	
<p>29.2.8 Voting by Email Procedure (see Minute 9) The procedure was left unchanged except that the word trustee should be substituted for member. It was also mentioned that where the procedure was inadequate because of greater urgency then trustees might be contacted by telephone for a decision.</p>	JZB
<p>29.2.9 The Future of Lifeline (see Minute 10) The E-news idea was warmly supported. Items for inclusion in E-News are to go to Miss Gemma McLean. The news pages will be published when appropriate, urgent/important items being published immediately and items of more general interest periodically in a form that can be printed. The idea of an E-Read platform, a place for articles and letters, was also welcomed. Publication will be at the discretion of our Spiritual Leadership. People will need to sign up separately to E-News and E-Read. Details are in the final edition of Lifeline.</p>	RHC DEG
<p>Mr David Haseler will write reports of Council meetings for E-News.</p>	MDH
<p>29.2.10 Youth Team (Minute 14) It was confirmed that the Youth Team budget can be used to buy books. A separate grant is not needed. The bookings process for Youth and Family events was discussed. There is a meeting at Wellspring House in January and Miss Sally Field will aim to be present as it is clear the most productive way to resolve the problems that have arisen will be to talk with the team.</p>	SGF
<p>The advisability of a cut-off date for bookings a few days in advance of an event</p>	

	<p>was agreed and it was felt that Purley People on Facebook may be a good place to highlight this. It was noted that the age group around 15 and younger are less involved on Facebook and use other media platforms, so the team may need to adapt their approach.</p> <p>The Council expressed its appreciation for the work being done but felt that it only needed detailed reports if things are not going well or if their involvement in a situation is required.</p> <p>29.2.11 Membership of the Council (Minute 17)</p> <p>Two potential members attended the meeting (apart from when confidential matters were discussed) and submitted personal profiles for the Council to consider.</p>	LKN
30	<p><b>CONFIRMATION OF DECISIONS MADE BY E-MAIL</b></p> <p>30.1 <b>Decision confirmed:</b> Confirm decision of 1 October that we accept the suggestion in Miss Gemma McLean's paper on E-News and introduce the idea in the next edition of Lifeline.</p>	
31	<p><b>MINISTRY ISSUES</b></p> <p>It was agreed that Mrs Muriel Morgan be used on a self-employed basis to assist the Revd Christine Bank and the Revd Becky Jarratt with publishing work, invoices being paid by the Company Accountant and charged to the Publishing Fund.</p>	CAB
32	<p><b>COMPANY ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT</b></p> <p>The Company Accountant produced five sets of figures for the Council to consider. These were the Conference Income and Expenditure Account for the six months ended 30 September 2018 which showed a deficit of £5K (compared with a surplus of £8K in the previous year), the Conference five year forecast, which showed operating deficits of £30K, £46K, £69K, £93K and £102K, the Purley Chase Account for six months ended 30 September 2018 which showed deficit of £18K (compared with £12K in the previous year), the Common Investment Fund Income and Expenditure Accounts for the six months ended 30 September 2018 and information on the Youth Leader fund, the Ministers' Fund, the Publishing Fund and the Programme Leader Fund. As usual Mrs Field provided comprehensive notes with these accounts.</p> <p>The improvement in catering costs and bar sales compared with the previous quarter was noted.</p>	
33	<p><b>COMPANY SECRETARY</b></p> <p>Ms J Zoë Brooks offered her services for a further three years. She said she anticipated that a year's handover period for a replacement would be necessary in view of the fact that it seemed unlikely that a Conference person would come forward for this role. This would mean appointing a replacement in November 2020 unless it was decided that Ms Brooks continue for a further period.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that Ms J Zoë Brooks be thanked for her work and be re-appointed for a further three years.</p>	
34	<p><b>INVESTMENT POLICY AND THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE FAC</b></p> <p>It was noted that the UBS Private Equity is now doing well. No further cash is expected to be called.</p> <p>The FAC sought clarification as to whether the Council had any information for them regarding the funds anticipated from the sale of church buildings and whether we should have a third investment manager for our new funds. It was felt that as</p>	

	<p>our existing investment managers seem to be doing a good job and the more that is in a fund the more clout an investor has with the managers there is no obvious reason to change. Should the FAC have a different view they can advise accordingly. Thanks were expressed for their work.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the recommendations of the FAC be adopted.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the Conference's Investment Policy required no amendment</p>	
35	<p><b>RE-APPOINTMENT OF THE FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>It was noted that Mr David Sharrock had not attended a meeting for 18 months and the need to find a replacement for him was felt.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that Mr Andrew Bentley and Mr David Haseler be re-appointed to the FAC.</p>	JZB
36	<p><b>ANNUAL ALLOCATION OF FUNDS</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the income from all funds requiring Council's instructions be allocated to the interest at the disposal of Conference.</p>	
37	<p><b>THE 2019 CONFERENCE PROGRAMME</b></p> <p>The first draft and recommendations from the ministry were discussed. Mrs Lara Nicholls, the programme co-ordinator, will consider the recommendations and produce a second draft. The ministry wished to have another appeal for funds for the New Christian Bible Study Website and for the Council to match the sum raised.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the Council will match the funds raised at Conference for the New Christian Bible Study Website, subject to a maximum of £5,000.</p>	LKN
38	<p><b>COUNCIL MEETING DATES FOR 2020.</b></p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that the dates for Council meetings in 2020 will be 6/7 March, 15/16 May, 18/19 September and 20/21 November.</p>	JZB
39	<p><b>VOLUNTEER AND EMPLOYEE SUPPORT LINES AND PURLEY ORGANISATIONAL CHART.</b></p> <p>It was decided that two items should be deleted from the organisational chart and that Mr David Haseler check that the church support was still operational and if so that he become the trustee responsible for local churches.</p>	MDH
40	<p><b>PURLEY CHASE MANAGEMENT TEAM</b></p> <p>The Council agreed with the PMT's proposals that they should have a standard agenda and that the statistics regarding room use were not required. In addition the Council agreed that staff should have minimum hours contracts instead of zero hours contracts as at present.</p> <p>It was also agreed that the present arrangement with Mrs Rachel Gilsenan as the sole manager be made permanent.</p>	SGF JMW
41	<p><b>YOUNG ADULTS AT PURLEY</b></p> <p>The suggestion that young adults receiving further education might be subsidised when attending Purley events was considered. It is understood that the New Church Children's Society may be approached for support. As a general principle it was felt that they should at least pay the deposit but that a route for confidential enquires for assistance via named individuals (the individuals to be determined) should be set up. Mrs Lara Nicholls will speak to Mrs Jones about this.</p>	LKN
42	<p><b>NEW PURLEY BROCHURE</b></p> <p>A mixture of comments has been received regarding the photographs in the new brochure. It was felt that any change was likely to generate this sort of feedback.</p>	

	As a result the Revd Alison Southcombe is launching a photographic competition to generate new images to use in the next brochure and on the website. A display of photographs and the award of prizes will take place at Conference. This is an item for the E-News page.	CAB
43	<p><b>THE SCOTTISH ASSOCIATION</b></p> <p>A paper from Mrs Helen Laidlaw, the Secretary, was considered. The Association wishes to close and pass its funds to Conference but to form an informal group to continue some publishing work, this work to be funded by Conference.</p> <p><b>Resolved:</b> that if the Scottish Association closes and passes its funds to Conference for Conference's general purposes, then Conference will provide a budget of £1,000 a year for the use of the group for publishing.</p>	JZB
44	<p><b>FUTURE STRATEGY</b></p> <p>A paper querying the current arrangements and seeking some discussion on alternative or new initiatives was received. After some discussion it was agreed that there was a considerable list of positive things already happening and that new events at Purley are attracting local people as well as current church groups. New students seem to be coming to study with us and there is much enthusiastic activity among younger people, some of whom were at Purley at the same time as the Council members. While the Council does not wish to be complacent it was felt that there is a lot already happening which gives grounds for optimism, particularly as there is energy and enthusiasm in many areas of our collective church lives.</p>	
45	<p><b>SOCIETIES' ANNUAL AUDITS</b></p> <p>It was noted that the new house that was purchased in May needs to be added to the list of properties Conference owns.</p> <p>The Council wished to record its thanks to Mr Wilf Woodhouse for the work he does. It was felt that it did not need further updates in the future unless there were problems that required action from the Council.</p>	RHC
46	<p><b>MAIL SENT TO PURLEY</b></p> <p>As Purley Chase is Conference's registered office mail for trustees is sometimes sent there. A process for forwarding it has now been established.</p>	
47	<p><b>SECTION 333 RESOLUTION</b></p> <p>As no trace of a resolution could be found our solicitor requested that a resolution be made now.</p> <p>RESOLUTION by the charity trustees of The General Conference of the New Church (Company Registration Number 6039, Charity Registration Number 253206 (Charity)).</p> <p>We are the present charity trustees of the Charity. In exercise of the power conferred by section 333 of the Charities Act 2011 we resolve that:</p> <p>Any two of the charity trustees of the Charity from time to time be authorised to execute any Deed to which the charity trustees of the Charity from time to time are a party with the intention that any document executed under this authority will have the same effect as if executed by all of the charity trustees of the Charity.</p> <p>A copy of the resolution was signed by all five of the trustees, Ms Jennifer Zoë Brooks, Mr Richard Harold Cunningham, Mr Maurice David Haseler, Mrs Lara Kay Nicholls and Mrs Judith Margaret Wilson.</p>	JZB

<b>48</b>	<b>CLOSING</b> The meeting was closed by the Revd Christine Bank reading Revelation 22: 1-3.	
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### **Future meetings**

March 1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019  
May 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> 2019  
July 23<sup>rd</sup> - 26<sup>th</sup> 2019 Annual Meeting  
September 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> 2019  
November 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> 2019

March 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> 2020  
May 15<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> 2020  
July 28<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 Annual Meeting  
September 18<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> 2020  
November 20<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> 2020