



Cambourne Church is committed to being a Christian community which is open, prayerful and loving, which serves Cambourne with the good news of the gospel and where disciples of Jesus Christ are made.

A partnership of the Church of England, the United Reformed Church, the Baptist Union and the Methodist Church.

**Gospel** : *We are committed to living out and sharing the good news of Jesus with others and to equipping those already on the journey.*

**Open** : *We are a community where questions of life and faith are explored on the journey.*

**Service** : *We want to make a difference to life in the community of Cambourne and beyond.*

**Prayer** : *All that we do is underpinned by prayer.*

**Engaged** : *The quality of our relationships matter.*

**Love** : *Expressed through welcome, openness and service.*

## **Cambourne Church Code of Conduct**

- ❖ We will treat others as we would like to be treated  
(Matthew 7:12)
- ❖ We will be honest  
(Colossians 3:9)
- ❖ We will not say anything of anyone we would not say face to face  
(Proverbs 26:20)
- ❖ We will listen respectfully to others point of view  
(James 1:19)
- ❖ We will respond reflectively to an issue  
(James 1:19)
- ❖ We will be guided by the Holy Spirit and Scripture in all that we do  
in our dealings with one another  
(Romans 8:14)
- ❖ We will support and uphold one another in our journey with Christ  
(Romans 15:2)

## **Conduct of Church Council Members.**

Over the years, the Church Council has developed a set of 'ground rules', which underpin the conduct of the meetings. Some may feel a little prescriptive but over time they have proved their worth in facilitating trust, honesty and accountability. These 'ground rules' are as follows:

Contributions to discussions are made through the chair.

We aim to listen carefully to one another.

While verbal discussion about agenda items with members of the congregation and other Council members is to be encouraged, to avoid confusion and factions, it is asked that Council members do not use social media as a means of discussing Council decisions following a meeting or of debating an issue prior to a meeting and should exercise caution in the use of email for these purposes. If a Council member is unable to attend a meeting and wishes their views to be taken into consideration, an email outlining these views should be sent to the chairperson who will then ensure that the views are fed into the discussion at the meeting.

Discussions at Council are confidential, but decisions and minutes belong to the whole church and will be communicated later.

Discussions are to be conducted with grace and love, speaking and listening to each other with respect –particularly when we disagree with one another –remembering that we are elected to represent the views of church members, not just our own agenda.

If a decision is taken by the majority of the Council it is the responsibility of the whole Council to then support it.

If there is a paper or indeed any supporting document that is maybe of interest or help to the whole Council, relating to an agenda item, it should first be sent to the Secretary.

Print name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_