

# Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting held in the Cottage

on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm

The vicar welcomed everybody to the meeting and held a prayer.

## Present :-

David Hewlett (vicar)	Linda Hunter (churchwarden)	Richard Dixon
Cliff Wright (Hon treasurer)	Suzette Milne	David Welsh
Jane Stephenson	Max Philbrick	Carol Maskell
Jackie Webb	Monica Philbrick	John McNamara
Jennifer Wright	John Bishop	Gilbert Marshall (churchwarden)
Elizabeth Robson	Rev. Julie Robson ( Asst curate)	

### 1. Apologies for absence : Mike Stephenson

### 2. Minutes :

The minutes of previous meeting held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2015 were accepted as a true record and so signed.

### 3. Matters arising from the minutes :

- Point raised by PCC member re page 3 in relation to the welcome pack for new Parishners : Max Philbrick does not want to take the lead role but happy to co-ordinate or provide samples & does want to be part of the team.
- Carol Maskell asked about items to be put on PCC agenda. The PCC meeting date is on the bulletin and a list of meetings will be displayed on the notice board. Any items to go on agenda should be given to the Vicar prior to the Standing Committee meeting. .
- Geoff Ross has been given a bottle of Whisky and thanks have been received.

### 4. Worship, Ministry and Mission :

#### 4.1 Vicar's items

As per report by Rev David Hewlett.

Point 3 – PCC away day : this will be discussed once we have a new PCC

Hand-out titled ‘opening thoughts’ – The vicar explained each ‘circle’ and it was agreed that the strategy group were to look how the principle could be taken forward.

Point 5 – Corbridge as Dementia friendly community : Church can be provided as a venue and advertising space, notice board to be utilised. There is an event on 4/7/15.

Point 6 – Funeral collection policy : Policy proposed by Gilbert Marshall, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Linda Hunter, all in favour with no abstentions.

Point 8 – Vicar asks for any suggestions to be made to him for a PCC Governor . This person will be a link between Church and the First School.

Point 9 – Discussions will take place at the next meeting as to the best way in which we utilise legacies.

#### **4.2 Calendar**

Vicar asks to be informed if any item is to be altered or added.

#### **4.3 Children and Youth Work**

Report submitted by Louise Stubbs dated 12/3/15. Linda Hunter commented Messy Church is a congregation in its own right and we have to accept members may not come to Sunday services.

#### **4.4 Social Committee**

Report submitted by Jenny Kinnaird. Nothing to add.

#### **4.5 Choir report**

Colin Williams has submitted copies of 2 responses received from Organ consultants, 3 were approached and 1 declined. 1 recommended by Colin and John of which the cost would be £1,160. The Vicar supports the recommendation – Gilbert Marshall proposes the recommendation and to set a budget of £1,300 and Richard Dixon seconds the proposal. All members in favour with no abstentions.

Linda Hunter will email Colin to give thanks for his research.

#### **4.6 Events**

John Bishop gave a verbal report : 2 events in the last 10 days of which 1 was at the lower rate and the other at the fuller rate – he hopes to allow some latitude as it is good to give to Charities and hopes the PCC agree. There are no future confirmed events and there is wonder if the future wishes of performers are to use the Hall of Hexham Abbey as the sinfonia and acoustics are preferred by the Professionals.

In the past the committee has been pro-active however since the Fiesta has ceased the state has been re-active (last 2 years) therefore there is less control unless PCC decide to have occasional pro-active habits. John Bishop is happy to run as required and there is a current balance of over £7,000.

Discussion amongst PCC re income from events, the outstanding fund, parish share, choir accounts, Chilcot account. . It was agreed that John would need help if decision is to be more pro-active.

Linda Hunter added 2 events :-

1. Spring Fete on Sat 30<sup>th</sup> May – a spring event with the Choir to have evensong with a creation theme. A creation weekend 30<sup>th</sup>-31<sup>st</sup> May 2015. A planning team will be organising shortly
2. Flower ladies would like a flower festival 24<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> June 2016.

John Bishop asked about the method for publicising music/choral events. Linda Hunter pointed out the principle is as follows: if it is a church event, we advertise; if not, then the responsibility for advertising is with the group hiring the church. If they give us information we can put it on website, bulletin and noticeboards. Methods of advertising in and around both the Church and the village discussed.

#### **4.7 Corbridge 1<sup>st</sup> School**

There was nothing to add to the report from Jennifer Ainsley – Headteacher.

#### **4.8 Deanery Development Group**

The digest of the Deanery Synod and notes from Deanery Development Group are submitted by Richard Dixon.

From the notes – it is down to individual Parishes to establish the needs of the Deanery and how Parishes will look in 10 years' time. The Vicar points out this Diocese is good with Deanery development and good at looking at strategies for looking forward.

### **5 Finance, Fabric and Administration**

#### **5.1 Treasurer's report**

Report presented by Cliff Wright with additional graph and financial statements. From the report – The Treasurer suggests :-

- PCC are asked to confirm the charge of £75,000 for 2015 and agree that this will be paid in 8 equal instalments, starting in April : all agree
- PCC are asked to agree that a copy of our accounts for 2014 is passed to the Deanery Group and that our reserves position is generally disclosed and used in financial ratios – all agree.
- PCC are asked to consider the effect of the Lloyds announcement and whether or not our interests would be better served by moving our accounts to Barclays.

Discussion around the following points : security, night safe and costs, future of Banking in the village and advantages/disadvantages of moving banks. Further consideration and research to be carried out re points discussed before decision is made.

Treasurer presents graph and draft of final statements for year end 31/12/14 – not to be approved at this stage as member need to absorb the information and not all members have a copy. Any queries are to be e-mailed to the Treasurer. PCC members are asked to respond to Cliff as soon as they have read accounts.

#### **5.2 Charities committee**

The Vicar gave a verbal update of the sub-committee meeting outlining 3 segments to receive charitable giving :-

1. Overseas;
2. Local : including tear fund, lunch club, Corbridge and Natural ability (Learning disabilities).
3. Other/national – Church Urban fund.

Motion proposed by Monica Philbrick, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jennifer Wright, all agree with no abstentions.

### **5.3 Funding campaign**

Report submitted Linda Hunter. Nothing to add.

### **5.4 Churchwarden's report**

Fabric progress report submitted by the Churchwardens and also a summary of research into Electricity and Gas supplies.

From the report the issue of the Church clock discussed – Linda Hunter proposes PCC agree to pay for the service and repair of the Clock – all agree.

In addition the issue of safeguarding discussed – all those who need training have been given the information from the Diocesan calendar.

Quinquennial Inspection: The Vicar agrees we should to accept the hourly rate & estimated hours. The cost of £1,000 to be met from the fabric fund. Vicar confirms that our architect is met with approval from the Diocese.

### **5.5 Cottage**

Discussion around the cottage windows – the frames and cost, the proposals, planning, urgency of work, condensation, damp.

Churchwardens outline the repairs carried out to the Cottage roof.

The Vicar gave thanks to Linda and Gilbert for their effort with a huge amount of work they undertake in their roles.

## **6. St. Oswald's Halton**

Nothing to report.

## **7. St. James Churchyard Newton**

Nothing to report.

## **8. Correspondence**

Showcasing event on Saturday - there are gaps on the lists to cover the Church display. Vicar asks members to look at the list.

The Vicar outlines this is the last PCC of the current PCC and thanks all members for their contributions.

## **Dates of next meetings see below**

April 2015 : with APCM to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> April after the 9.30 service.

**Standing committee**

**PCC**

June 2015	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> June at 2.00pm	Thurs 18 <sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm
September 2015	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept at 2.00pm	Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept 7.30pm
November 2015	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov at 2.00pm	Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7.30pm
January 2016	Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> Jan at 2.00pm	Wed 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan 7.30pm
March 2016	Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> March at 2.00pm	Tues 15 <sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm
April 2016	: with APCM to be held on 17 <sup>th</sup> April after the 9.30am service.	