

**Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting
held in the Cottage
on Thursday 29th January 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)

1. **Apologies for absence** : Rev. Julie Robson, Elizabeth Robson, Mike Stephenson
2. **Minutes** : The minutes of previous meeting held on Thursday 19th November 2014 were accepted as a true record and so signed.
3. **Matters arising from the minutes** :
 - Suggestion put forward for the congregation to be informed of where the PCC minutes are held. Churchwarden highlights they are available in a file at the back of the church near the PCC noticeboard and will be available on the Church website.

4. **Worship, Ministry and Mission** :

4.1 Vicar's items

As per Vicar's report dated Jan 2015. Additional items as follows :-

Item 1 : the vicar gave thanks to Colin & choir as he felt the Carol Service had been the best since he had arrived at Corbridge.

Item 5 : discussion around possibilities for PCC Away Day. Vicar to contact John Sinclair to talk on Evangelism.

Item 6 : d. holding this back and there will be a new course in the future.

Item 7 : additional service for Ash Wednesday – a communion evening at 7pm on 18/2/15

Vicar and Julie have also recently met with the Co-ordinator at Northumbria Community. They discussed “looking at the deepening of spirituality of the Parish”. Vicar is to prepare a paper and for the possibilities to be shared with the PCC.

Geoff Ross, cleaner in Church has been diagnosed with Lung cancer & is therefore calling it a day with cleaning the church. Card & gift is to be sent from PCC. Suzette is to arrange flowers for the Cottage cleaner who is also retiring. Churchwardens tasked to look into future arrangements for cleaning the Church.

There is to be a community group showcasing event Saturday 28/3/15 in the Parish Hall.

4.2 Calendar

This is due to be circulated in a couple of days. All members to check for events.

4.3 Children and Youth Work

There was nothing to add to the report written by Louise Stubbs dated 11/1/15.

4.4 Social Committee

Report submitted by Jenny Kinnaird.

Additional items :

Shrove Tuesday 17/2/15 – 7pm, pancakes & quiz;

Mulled Wine this year set for Saturday 19/12/15;

4.5 Choir report

Report submitted by Colin Williams dated January 2015 with appraisal and recommendations for the organ and report from John Lightbrown & Sons of Organ Builders Ltd.

Richard Dixon raised an approach by Colin for the Terms of Reference to be approved – this will not be done until a quotation has been seen. There will need to be discussions around the issue.

4.6 Events

John Bishop gave a verbal report on 4 events arranged.

4.7 Corbridge 1st School

There was nothing to add to the report from Jennifer Ainsley – Headteacher – dated Spring Term 2015.

4.8 Deanery Development Group

There was nothing to add to the report written by Richard Dixon.

5. Finance, Fabric and Administration

5.1 Treasurer's report

Report presented by Cliff Wright with additional graphs and following point discussed :-

Parish Share – there will be a shortfall in the amount paid by the Deanery to the Diocese. As the Deanery is using the Norham model there will be negotiation among Treasurers re the outstanding amount. This was discussed and it was proposed by Richard Dixon that we give the Treasurer authority to negotiate up to £75,000, figure seconded by Gilbert Marshall. All in favour apart from 3 abstentions. This will be for this year only.

Charitable Giving: Linda Hunter proposes that the pay the balance of £2,585-00 be used to pay the charities that will be designated for 2014. .

Proposal seconded by Max Philbrick and all in favour with no abstentions.

- The charitable sub-committee will make a proposal for the PCC.

5.2 Organists contract

Vicar presents the renewal proposals for the organist which was due at the end of 2014. Thanks passed to both organists who appear to be enjoying their work as do the choir. Suggestion of £45-00 each raise to stay in line with Royal Church Music's figure of £2,300 per year.

5.3 Funding campaign

Report and hand-out's presented by Linda Hunter in relation to "FaithRaising" and invites any questions.

Richard Gascoyne has suggested three particular schemes which he thought might be appropriate for Corbridge.

- Worship Trio
- Sunday Trio
- Community Trio

In particular he thought that using WORSHIP TRIO would be appropriate for us as it uses an approach which will be Faithraising rather than Fundraising and encourages the congregation to realise that the responsibility for raising money is theirs. Previously we had adapted the Pass it On approach.

The approach t recommended to the PCC is a mixture of WORSHIP TRIO and COMMUNITY TRIO. This recognises that the church in Corbridge is central to the community and that widening our net / circle would be a good idea.

Discussion around TRIO which stands for The Responsibility Is Ours. It is very important that if the PCC take this onboard they commit to the work involved, will involve lots of teams of people taking on tasks.

Linda proposes formally adopting faith raising, seconded by Richard Dixon, all in favour and no abstentions. The work will now proceed to the next stage.

5.4 Churchwarden's report

Fabric progress report submitted and presented by Gilbert Marshall.

In relation to the Policy and Procedures manual, the issue of ladders is being dealt with for the next update in September 2015.

The rates for the Cottage and Church proposed as follows :-

£6-00 per hour for the cottage;

For the Church - £20-00 per hour during summertime and £25-00 per hour in wintertime. This is due to lighting & heating.

Also to be included is a timescale for setting up. Proposal seconded by John McNamara and all in favour with no abstentions.

Linda Hunter spoke about a welcome pack for newcomers moving into the Parish – this is being worked on and will include transport timetables, details of local health care providers and schools, clubs and associations etc. Max will co ordinate this.

The Vicar gave thanks to Linda and Gilbert.

5.5 Cottage

Richard Dixon raised the cottage being an asset that is underused and looking at promotion of the cottage. This is to be discussed at a later time.

6. St. Oswald's Halton

Nothing to report.

7. St. James Churchyard Newton

Nothing to report.

8. Correspondence

None

Dates of next meetings see below

March 2015 Standing Committee Wed 11/3/15 2pm PCC Tues 24/3/15 7.30pm

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