

The Parish of Corbridge St Andrew with Halton and Newton Hall
Minutes of the PCC held on Wednesday 15th February 2023 at 7.30pm Church

Sam Lohead was in the chair and opened the meeting with prayer and reading from St Paul's letter to the Romans on the theme of welcome and hospitality stressing this important aspect of our church life in our community .

1. Present:

Canon David Kennedy	Val Barnes	Max Philbrick
Lynn Caudwell (Curate)	Alice Bryant	Edward Pybus
Sam Lohead (Curate)	Jo Eldridge	Nahida Remy
Linda Hunter (Curate)	Anne King-Lewis	John Wilson
Jean Wilks (Chwdn)	Monica Philbrick	David McEwan (Chwdn)
Cliff Wright (Treasurer)	Carol Moffatt (Minutes)	

Apologies. None - all present.

2. To agree and sign off minutes of PCC meeting Wednesday 25th January 2022.

Acceptance of the minutes was proposed by Edward Pybus, seconded by Nahida Remy and agreed unanimously.

3. Matters Arising.

3.1 Parish Administrator – David and Linda were happy to report that Lorna's trial period has been successfully completed; she is settling in well and gradually learning the many facets of the role. She is working two hours, five days per week on a self-employed basis and is thoroughly enjoying the job. Her appointment will now be confirmed, and at a future morning service it is hoped to formally introduce her to the congregation.

3.2 Corbridge Community Partnership.

The directors of CCP have met with parish councillors clarifying the lines of communication between the two entities. Plans are progressing as to how we will use the premises.

3.3 Welcome Card.

Max has made amendments as agreed at the last meeting to include information about Halton services. The welcome card group will meet to sign this off and agree inserts for the card.

4. Mission and Ministry.

4.1 Statistics.

Linda spoke to the report previously circulated, completed in line with national requirements. Overall it was good news with numbers growing again and all new contacts are followed up.

4.2. Mission Statement.

PCC broke into groups to discuss and answer questions raised in the document circulated by Sam on the ministry of welcoming visitors in our building and our church life. Each group submitted their responses and Sam will collate and circulate for further discussion.

4.3. 1350th Anniversary

(a) A progress report from the latest meeting of the 1350 committee was circulated, indicating work so far in progressing a diary of good quality events, spaced across the year of celebration. Some possibilities discussed included a Heritage Weekend, a Laser/Light Show, Weddings through the Ages, Talks by thought provoking speakers and high quality music and art events.

Action proposed to date:

- David is to meet with David Glover at Hexham Abbey to see what we could do jointly.
- Explore possibility of large heritage boards
- Research possible exhibitions
- Book Bishop Helen-Ann for a celebratory service
- Speak with Pippa Moon re logo.

It is hoped to produce a brochure advertising events for the whole year which will be circulated from Easter 2024.

(b) The Lady Chapel project – glazing-in of the area to create a room.

David will meet with a representative of DAC on 28th March for advice on how best to progress this project. If any member of PCC would like to be present, they are to speak with David.

4.4. Pastoral Visiting and “Friendship Hub” meeting.

Linda spoke to the report of the very structured information-gathering meeting held by the Pastoral Team. It was agreed to concentrate on the aspect of loneliness in our community by starting sessions of “Tea and Chat” in the Community Hub, formerly the Methodist Chapel. Clear issues arose such as the need for training, confidentiality and guidelines for addressing situations which may arise but the overall feeling of PCC was positivity for this real ministry of welcome.

4.5 Take 5

Lynn reported that the 3 sessions on the environment had been well attended and as she leaves Malcolm will take up the chair and David will also join the group. There is real concern about GAP who are really struggling to meet heating bills. A member of the congregation has donated £2k to GAP specifically but there is a need for a fundraising event to continue support.

Lynn also stressed she is keen to maintain contacts and updates with Gettachew.

4.6 Restoration of the Common Cup.

It was agreed to restore the common cup with no obligation for those not comfortable with the practice. Intinction by a minister will remain an option.

5. Finance.

Cliff spoke to the report of Draft Financial results for 2022 providing an updated summary of the last year. These figures are provisional and will be confirmed in the final, official version.

Despite the lingering effects of the pandemic the impressive increases in net income in 2022 particularly from Giving and Tax, Donations and Events, produced a financial result which considerably beat expectations. March PCC will provide an opportunity to look at some of the features in more detail.

6. Reports.

6.1. Safeguarding – Nothing to report.

6.2. Deanery Synod – David reported the strong possibility that in the light of spending cut backs it is likely that we will be asked to take on the parishes of Slaley and Healey, which may be viewed as a development opportunity.

6.3. Maintenance – Report circulated up to date. Max suggested that when the cottage development goes ahead, consideration be given to not replacing the existing oven which works well.

6.4. Events - The fete is to take place on 29th April 2023. A full diary of events was circulated. Suggestions were invited for special events that might be planned for the 1350 celebratory year.

7. Correspondence: none.

8. AOB.

Members were encouraged to promote and circulate the booklet of Lent, Holy Week and Easter services and events.

It was agreed to purchase bibles to be placed at the end of each pew and on the welcome desk.

Sam expressed his appreciation to Lynn for all that he has learned during their time together as curates at St Andrew's, and said she will be much missed but goes with our very best wishes and deepest gratitude. Lynn responded with her sincere thanks and appreciation, leaving with many good memories and excitement on the horizon as she takes up her new post in Pott Shrigley. She said St Andrew's had been a very special place for her curacy and expressed her thanks to David and whole team for their support and encouragement.

11. Date of Next Meeting. Wednesday 22nd March 2023.