

Minutes of Meeting of PCC of Mirfield Team Parish

1st June 09, 7:30 pm at St Paul's

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1. Present

Jim Law (Chair), Revd Gill Johnson, Revd Ann Pollard, Revd Wendy Dalrymple, Michael Hampshire, Christine Breare, Ruth Edwards, Susan Young, Barry Hambling, Valerie Warner, David Brooke, Anne Heeley, Stephen Butler, Jane Jaggard, Katharine Crossley, Dianne Watkinson, Chris Hargrave, Jacqueline Turner, Susan Auckland, Jessica Malay.

2. Apologies

Revd Helen Butler, Mark Pollard, Susan Pope, Carol Wilkinson, Carole Sykes, Marieke Biddle.

3. Appointment of Lay Chair, Treasurer and Secretary

A call was made for nominations for the posts of Lay Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. Chris H nominated and Barry seconded the three current holders of these positions, Jim Law, David Brooke and Michael Hampshire respectively. As there were no further nominations and as the three nominees agreed to stand they were duly elected.

4. Minutes

Barry proposed and Chris B seconded a motion to approve the minutes. This was carried with no votes against.

5. Matters Arising from Minutes

- The Faculty for the gravespace for Mark and Lesley Goshawk is still ongoing. **action Wendy**
- Planning permission has been obtained for the Ramp at St John's. We now await issue of a Faculty.
- The Accounts for 2008 were approved by 18 PCC members at three separate meetings at individual churches held on 3rd and 10th May 09. The accumulated decision was quorate (requires 5 members of which 1 must be Clergy, 1 Warden and 1 Office Holder).

6. Cost Cutting Measures

On the 31st March 09 the Risograph contract was terminated.

The Grace Landscapes contract to cut the grounds of St Mary's finishes in June and will not be continued. Recently they had sent two bills each costing £300.

Contracts for the supply of gas and electricity have been changed and now all three churches have the cheapest suppliers of energy.

7. Giving and Christian Stewardship

David reported on the recent campaign to increase giving and circulated the figure each month for standing orders and envelopes. The average giving per week was £11.45 from standing orders and £8.55 from envelopes. There was some evidence of increased giving, including some quite generous increases, but it is difficult to assess the overall impact at this stage. The average total weekly giving from standing orders and envelopes in May was £1,486. On its own, this average giving is still not enough to pay the Parish Share, being about £20,000 short of the sum required.

8. Appointment of Parish Giving Officer

No one from the Parish attended the "taster" evening held on Monday 18th May 2009 to explore what the work of a Parish Giving Officer might involve. A call was made for volunteers but it was pointed out that it was not necessary for the appointment to be made from the PCC. Barry said he had someone in mind and that he would approach them and report back to the PCC. **Action Barry**

9. Correspondence

The Secretary reported that following receipt of the amended Parish Profile, which was sent on the 17 March, the Archdeacon had been in contact indicating that he wished to get on with advertising the post. The Archdeacon has agreed to attend the next PCC so that we may learn more of his plans then.

10. Articles of Enquiry

The date for submission of the Articles of Enquiry, requested by the Diocese is the 31 May, but the forms, one for each church, are still being completed. Stephen agreed to get the information still required from the Child Protection Officer, Garnet Rotchell. When these were completed the Secretary requested they be sent to him; he agreed to then send them to the Diocese along with the other required documents. **Action Stephen, other Wardens and Secretary**

11. St John's Quinquennial

It was reported that the Quinquennial inspection of St John's was conducted by Stephen Parry on 12th May. We await the formal Report. A verbal indication after the inspection indicated that 4 slates need replacing and work needs to be done to prevent the ingress of damp to the North East Gable. In general, the church was found to be in good repair. He also looked at the plan for the proposed toilet extension and undertook to cost the various options.

12. Harvest Extravaganza in September

Ruth reported that the Bishop had declined his invitation, but the West Yorks Police Band had been booked. Ruth called for a meeting of interested parties to progress the organisation of the event. Sue Y expressed some concern that it would be difficult to open St John's on the Monday 28th Sept. as part of the programme.

13. Fundraising

On Thursday 18th June a "Ladies' Day at Ascot" will be held at the Parish Centre with a champagne buffet. Tickets are now on sale. As a point of clarification it was pointed out the profit raised would go to parish funds after meeting the expenses of the hire of the hall.

Chris H called for volunteers to help with the Art Exhibition.

14. Review of Cost of Adverts in the Magazine

Chris Hargrave indicated that he sends out the renewal notices in June/July for magazine adverts and that the price had been unchanged for three years at £80.00 for a full inside page, and £88.00 for the cover. After some debate the PCC agreed that the prices should, for the time being, remain unchanged. However, it was agreed that it would be helpful to form a Magazine Working Group of all those who contributed to its production and promotion. Most people who worked on the Magazine were not members of the PCC and it was felt that they should be involved in the decision process concerning the Magazine. This Group could address several issues such as changing the format to hold more adverts and then to canvass businesses in the town to increase the advertising revenue. The cost of these adverts could also be addressed by a Working Group. The increase in price of the Magazine to £1 had been met with a mixed reception, some in favour and some against. Again it would have been preferable had a Magazine Working Group considered the price increase rather than the PCC.

15. Date of Next Meeting

Dates previously agreed are:-

6th Jul (Invitation to the Archdeacon); 7th Sep; 5th Oct; 2nd Nov; 7th Dec