

Minutes of Meeting of PCC of Mirfield Team Parish

2nd Nov 09, 7:30 pm at St Paul's

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1. Present

Jim Law (Chair), Revd Wendy Dalrymple, Sue Pope, Ruth Edwards, Barry Hambling, Michael Hampshire, Christine Breare, Sue Young, Chris Hargrave, Stephen Butler, David Brooke, Katharine Crossley, Val Warner, Jacqueline Turner, Jessica Malay, Anne Heeley, Carol Wilkinson. Guest by invitation Scott Senogles.

2. Apologies

Gill Johnson, Revd Ann Pollard, Revd Helen Butler, Mark Pollard, Jane Jaggar, Marieke Biddle, Sue Auckland, Carole Sykes, Dianne Watkinson.

3. The PCC is not Quorate

It was noted that to be quorate we needed one of the incumbent status clergy to be present and as Gill and Ann were both missing this condition was not fulfilled; the meeting was deemed not to be quorate. The meeting could receive reports and express opinions but could not transact any resolutions.

4. Minutes

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

5. Matters Arising from Minutes

- **PCC Meeting with Hugh and Jan Baker** at 7:30pm Friday 13th November in the Meeting Room at St Mary's
- No progress has yet been made on appointments of **Parish Giving Officers** representing St Mary's and St Paul's.
- **Pews.** Permission to dispose of these pews has been received from the Registrar. Thornton Antiques, in Elland, had offered £50 per pew and would collect them. It was suggested that one or perhaps two pews could be kept back to use them in the fabrication of a ramp for the disabled, but quotes for the work from Roy Mulligan had not yet been obtained. Stephen stated that he would like to buy a pew and that others might like to as well. If they were to be sold to the congregation, it was agreed that to be fair to everyone they should be sold to the highest bidders. Barry was keen that whatever happened they must be removed from the Longstaff's premises without delay. Stephen agreed to take responsibility for liaising with Marieke and for getting them removed to temporary storage. The following actions need to be taken: Remove the pews from the Longstaffs; Approach Roy Mulligan about a Ramp and to see how many pews would be needed; Organise a bidding process for the sale of pews to interested parties and arrange with Thornton Antiques to buy and collect the remaining pews if any are left. **Action Stephen**
- **License renewal requests** for various people to administer the sacrament have been sent to the Bishop.
- **Hugh wishes to Chair the PCC** – Jim will stay as deputy Chair until the AGM.

6. Scott Senogles- Outreach

Scott addressed the meeting and expressed his wish that he may represent the Parish in local parish schools by offering his services every Friday. He is very experienced in teaching singing, keyboard and music generally. He has worked on the Kirklees "Sing Up" scheme and has much experience with his work for North Yorks. County Council as a music teacher. His intention was to see how schools could best use his services whilst integrating and supporting what they were already doing. Whilst he had CRB checks for the Parish and also for NYCC it was recognized that he would need to obtain a CRB clearance for Kirklees. The PCC gave their backing for this proposed outreach activity and noted that soon Hugh would be in charge and he would need to interact with the Church schools in particular and may want to interact more widely. It was agreed that this outreach activity would not be started until Hugh had been approached to see how he might wish to be involved. The PCC expressed its thanks to Scott for offering his time so generously in what could be an exciting project. It was suggested that Scott proceed to obtain CRB approval from Kirklees.

7. Correspondence

- The Secretary has written to Mr D Hardcastle, Head of Crowlees School informing him of the appointment of Revd Hugh Baker

8. Approval to Replace Flags in visible areas at St Mary's

Email from Mark - "*At the weekend of 19/20 September there were approximately 22 Yorkshire stone flags taken from the path at St Mary's. These were taken from just beyond the Lady Chapel at the East end. We received financial approval from our insurers to replace like for like to a value of £2250. Since then, we have suffered a further loss of approximately 25 more flagstones from the same area. This is now a visible area coming in front of the Lady Chapel.*"

We do not want to use the money to replace in areas that can't be seen only to have the stones stolen again. Clearly the thieves that are coming for them are getting more confident about their approach and will be back. Sue is asking for Saturday night patrols from the Police.

We therefore recommend using the money to replace the flagstones up to the corner of the church at the East end – all visible areas from the approach to St Mary's. The remaining area around the East end we propose to lay to grass and match into the surroundings thus not providing a dark paved area where thieves have easy income!"

The Archdeacon and Julia Wilding had both agreed that the non-visible area could be grassed over without recourse to s Faculty. The PCC approved of this approach.

9. Financial Report

The Treasurer tabled a financial statement to the end of October showing a deficit of £3,733 and pointed out that we had nothing in reserve. £61,800 had been paid of the £96,668 Parish Share. We were expecting about £12,000 from tax refunds and there was still a possibility that the Parish Share may be met in full.

10. Kath Riley's Office Hours

Kath wished to change the day when she did her afternoon office duties from Wednesday to Thursday afternoon but retaining the same hours. It was noted that others were present in the office on Wednesday afternoon and so a change would provide better coverage. There were no objections to this and the PCC approved the change.

11. Parish Giving

We still had a valid resolution in the Minutes of Nov 2007, namely **“to donate 5% of the regular giving to charity with a view to increasing this in later years. This would amount to approximately £4,000 this year. An amount should be donated to Justice Soloman to a level which did not see a fall in donation from the Parish. The rest was to be split between USPG and World Vision”**. This would still apply unless the PCC agreed otherwise. As we could not take a resolution at this meeting it was agreed to address this issue at a later PCC Meeting when Hugh Baker could indicate his views on this issue. It was noted that for 2009 Justus Soloman had asked that no money be sent.

12. DAC Visit to Consider Toilet Extension at St John's

Two different plans were discussed at the DAC visitation to St John's and it was agreed to submit both to the Kirklees Planning Department with an indication of the preferred layout to see which plan/s they would support.

13. Mara Link

As Gill was going to Mara in February she requested the PCC to consider what gifts she might take; such items as photos and mementos. It was pointed out that Cynthia Shaw, of the St John's congregation, has already made a small Altar Cloth to send to Mara.

14. Report from the Churches Together in Mirfield (CTIM) – Stephen Butler

Stephen reported the outcome of the recent meetings of the CTIM and agreed to let the Secretary have the recent Minutes for circulation. The following points were noted

1. Volunteers were needed to help with the collection for Christian Aid to be organised by CTIM in the centre of Mirfield.
2. We had agreed to distribute 1,000 of the 6,000 Christmas cards to be printed by CTIM.
3. We need to discuss the donation to be made by MTP to CTIM before their AGM on 24th January 2010 at the Moravians.
4. There will be a united CTIM advent Service at 3pm on 29th November at Christ The King.
5. The Gilbert and Sullivan Society has offered to raise funds for CTIM and wished to use St Paul's for a performance. The PCC agreed that this would be acceptable.
6. There is a “Decorate a Christmas Tree” Competition at Trinity Methodists and the PCC were encouraged to take part.
7. It was suggested that one of the vacant shops in Mirfield could be used to raise awareness of CTIM and if this were to be done volunteers would be required to man the shop.

15. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the meeting scheduled for 7th Dec would be cancelled in view of the licensing of Hugh Baker on 8th December. The next meeting would probably be in January but would be arranged by the new Priest-in-Charge.