

Minutes of Meeting of PCC of Mirfield Team Parish

5th Oct 09, 7:30 pm at St Paul's

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1. Present

Jim Law (Chair), Revd Gill Johnson, Revd Ann Pollard, Revd Helen Butler, Sue Pope, Michael Hampshire, Christine Breare, Chris Hargrave, Stephen Butler, David Brooke, Katharine Crossley, Val Warner, Jane Jaggard, Jessica Malay, Marieke Biddle.

2. Apologies

Barry Hambling, Mark Pollard, Ruth Edwards, Sue Young, Anne Heeley, Wendy Dalrymple, Jacqueline Turner, Carol Wilkinson

3. Minutes

Kath proposed and Jane seconded a motion to approve the minutes. This was carried with no votes against

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

- The PCC welcomed the news of the appointment of The Reverend Hugh Baker as priest-in-charge of the Mirfield Team Parish and this was announced in all three churches on Sunday 4th October. Hugh Baker was due to be licensed on Tuesday 8th December at St Mary's. The PCC expressed its thanks to Jim and Kath for all their work leading to this appointment. It was appropriate the Head of Crowlees School be informed of the appointment. **Action Secretary**
- **Report on Harvest Extravaganza** – This was considered a great success not only in the fact that it raised about £5k but in its effects in reaching out to the wider community. The PCC expressed its thanks to all those who helped and in particular to Ruth for her leadership and hard work.
- **Movement of surplus Pews from the Longstaff's.** Marieke indicated that she had the transport to move the pews but would need help. The Scouts could help but only at weekends and that was not convenient to Marieke. Jim offered his assistance and Marieke agreed to liaise with Barry.

5. Appointment of Parish Giving Officer/s

Jessica tabled a report of the training day held on Saturday 19th September at the Cathedral School, Thornes Rd., WF2 8QF. The course dealt with the practicalities of enhancing giving with packs of appropriate paperwork. In addition, the motivation of the congregation, not just for giving money but also their talents more generally, was addressed. The duties of a Parish Giving Officer were defined. Jessica felt that the MTP was too big for one Parish Giving Officer and suggested that there be a team of three, one from each church, to undertake the task. She was prepared to be the representative for St John's. It was agreed that this was an appropriate way forward and a representative from St Paul's and St Mary's would be sought. The next meeting for Parish Giving Officers would be arranged in the summer of 2010.

6. Correspondence

- The Secretary has written to Mr D Hardcastle, Head of Crowlees School following the election of a Foundation Governor, Rachel Copley, and also informed the Diocesan Director of Education, Canon Ian Wildey
- Permission has been sought from the Registrar, Julia Wilding to dispose of the surplus pews. We await a response.
- Flagstones had been stolen from St Mary's. The Police had issued a report with a crime number, which is required for an insurance claim. Mark and Sue P agreed to deal with this. **Action Mark and Sue P**
- **Scott Senogles** -The Secretary had received a Letter from Scott Senogles, the Choir Master at St Mary's. He proposed offering his musical talents for one day per week to the four primary schools in the parish. This would involve both secular and sacred music and embrace both keyboard skills and singing. As this would comprise an effective outreach activity he sought permission to do this under the auspices of the MTP. This was debated by the PCC and they expressed their encouragement and support and thanked Scott for generously offering to undertake this work. As Scott worked now for NYCC he would require a separate CRB check. He could offer assistance under the "Sing Up Programme" run by Kirklees. However, it was appropriate that this be done sensitively to work alongside the members of staff in each school already undertaking this work. It was agreed that it would be helpful for Scott to be invited to a PCC to outline his plans in more detail. The PCC had governors in two of the four schools and they may then be better placed to see how they may assist the activity. **Action Secretary**
- Dates of the Archdeacon's Visitation are :-
Tuesday 4 May in Pontefract Deanery
Tuesday 11 May at All Saints, Elland
Wednesday 19 May at St Peter, Huddersfield
Thursday 27 May in Dewsbury Deanery

7. Renewal of Licences to Administer the Sacrament

Ann proposed and Kath seconded a motion to **License Val Walker, Sue Auckland, Gill Hawksworth, Sheila Harford, Michael Hampshire, Chris Breare, Chris Hargrave to administer the elements of Holy Communion.** This was carried with no votes against. **Action Secretary**

8. “Year of the Child 2009” DVD

Ann expressed a view that very little of the content of this DVD was relevant to the work of MTP and she tabled a comprehensive review of the content and points made in the DVD. It was agreed therefore not to collectively view the DVD. There are four recommendations to be implemented by end of 2010:-

- Participation
- Children and young people are part of the diocesan synodical structure
- All churches should always listen and respond to their children and young people
- Training on listening to children and young people should be part of church leader education

9. Financial Report

The Treasurer tabled a financial statement outlining all income and expenditure for the year to the end of September showing a deficit of £589. A sum of £4,896 had been banked so far from the Flower Festival and more was yet to come in. £56,450 of the £94,668 owing for 2009 had been paid off the Parish Share. We were in a better financial state than at the same time last year and more tax revenue is also expected soon. The Parish Share for 2010 has been set at £95,875.

10. Toilet at St John’s

Chris outlined the progress to date and indicated that the current plans would require funding in the region of £210K to £230K. The Diocesan Advisory Committee was due to make a site visit soon to inspect the proposed plans.

11. Resignation of the Lay Chair

Jim tendered his resignation as Lay Chair but agreed to chair the next PCC in November. He agreed to ask Hugh Baker when he wished to meet the PCC and what form the meeting should take. **Action Lay Chair**

12. Date of Next Meeting – 2nd Nov

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.