

Minutes of Meeting of PCC of Mirfield Team Parish

6th July 09, 7:30 pm at St Paul's

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1. Present

Revd Wendy Dalrymple (Chair), Revd Gill Johnson, Revd Ann Pollard, Sue Pope, Michael Hampshire, Christine Breare, Ruth Edwards, Barry Hambling, David Brooke, Anne Heeley, Katharine Crossley, Dianne Watkinson, Jacqueline Turner, Susan Auckland, Jessica Malay, Carole Sykes, Marieke Biddle (The PCC extends a warm welcome to Marieke attending her first PCC).

2. Apologies

Archdeacon (The Archdeacon will attend the PCC on 7th September.), Carol Wilkinson, Jim Law, Chris Hargrave, Sue Young, Helen and Stephen Butler, Mark Pollard, Val Warner, Jane Jagger.

3. Minutes

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

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

- The gravespace for Mark and Lesley Goshawk is progressing.
- Planning permission has been obtained for the Ramp at St John's. Faculty has been issued.
- **Appointment of Parish Giving Officer-** Dianne and Jessica have agreed to represent the PCC at the meeting at the Bishop's Lodge, Thurs 16th July at 7pm as observers – Rita Peacock, the Archdeacon's Secretary needs to be informed. **Action Secretary.**

5. Advert for Priest-in-Charge

Key considerations and questions for interviews of candidates were discussed but it was felt that we would be in effect revisiting the Parish Profile. It was noted that no applications have so far been received from the advert. The priests, in post for a significant period, namely Ann and Helen, would have particular concerns over the choice of candidate. After initial interviews there would be an opportunity for wider discussion and the most appropriate group to do this would be Wardens and Clergy.

6. Correspondence

- The "Year of the Child" Video has been received from the Diocese and it was agreed that this should be shown to the PCC at its meeting on 5th October. Gill took the video and agreed to provide the facilities to view it. **Action Gill**
- "Back to Church" Literature has been received from the Diocese to support the "Back to Church" weekend of the 27th September. However, this coincided with the Harvest Extravaganza and it was decided not to use the literature.

7. Review of Charge for Magazine

There was considerable discussion on the Magazine and its pricing, there being considerable disquiet at the increase in price from 30p to £1. There was a call to form a working Team for the Magazine to comprise all those actively involved and Dianne agreed to join such a Team if it could be formed. It was accepted that the Magazine should be produced at least 10 times per year and there was a call for more content. Carole agreed that she would generate some copy about the Mara link. Barry proposed and Dianne seconded a motion **to reduce the cost of the magazine to 50p for the September and subsequent issues.** This was carried with no votes against. Barry agreed to inform the workers on the magazine of this resolution. **Action Barry, Carole**

8. Licensing Arrangements

- Ann proposed and Kath seconded a motion to **License Stephen Butler and Jacqueline Turner to administer the elements of Holy Communion.** This was carried with no votes against. **Action Secretary**
- The PCC congratulated Barry Hambling on his forthcoming appointment as a Lay Pastoral Minister.
- Triennial re-licensing of Lay Pastoral Ministers takes place on 19th September in the Cathedral and the other Lay Pastoral Minister in MTP, Val Walker, would be re-licensed at that service

9. Update on Parish Flat

Two of the four young people sharing the flat had left and they were collectively two months in arrears. The Agent has given notice to quit by the 27th July and is pursuing the debt from the guarantors. A single lady has agreed to occupy the flat from the 28th July but at a reduced rent of £450 per month (previously £595 per month).

10. Proposed Team Service Time Change to 10am

Dianne proposed and Carole seconded a resolution to **change the time of the Team Service from 10:30am to 10:00am effective from the joint service on 29th November**. This was carried with one vote against.

11. St John's Quinquennial Report

The Quinquennial report for St John's calls for repairs amounting to £4,500, £38,000, and £15,000 within the next 12 months, 2 years and 5 years respectively. The Architect, Stephen Parry, suggests that we apply to English Heritage for a grant to cover these costs. However, the other two churches have arranged a Quinquennial in September and it was decided to do nothing until these reports were in so that we had the option of making one joint bid.

12. Licensing - Barry Hambling as Lay Pastoral Minister at Team Service at St John's - 30th August

Barry had discussed his "Working Agreement" with Clergy and this was read to the PCC. David proposed and Chris seconded a resolution to **accept Barry Hambling as a Lay Pastoral Minister in the Parish and approved the "Working Agreement"**. This was carried with no votes against.

13. St John's Toilets

The Architect's fee for working up detailed proposals for a toilet block was £1k. Chris proposed and Sue A seconded a motion that the Friends of St John's be asked to provide the fee for the Architect's feasibility study. This was carried with no votes against. **Action Chris**

14. Appointment of Foundation Governor for Crowlees School

Following the death of Glynis Davis, the PCC expressed its gratitude for all the work she had done as Governor of Crowlees School. Jacqueline nominated and Michael seconded Dianne Watkinson as one of the Governors appointed by the PCC. As there were no further nominations and Dianne agreed to serve, then she was duly elected to serve with Rachel Copley.

15. Team Parish Fun Day on 12th July

Gill pointed out that this was not a fund raising activity but rather it was to be seen as the Parish giving something to the community. There would be an All Age Service at St Mary's at 10:30 am and a Eucharist at St Paul's at 10 am, there being no service at St John's.

16. Harvest Extravaganza

Ruth reiterated the numerous events arranged for the Harvest Weekend, 24th to 28th September, and called for volunteers to assist.

17. Wendy's Training for next year - Item for Information

During the past year Wendy has been doing a one day per week placement at Huddersfield University with the chaplaincy team there. The current chaplain is leaving his post in the summer and Wendy has been asked to take this half time post on during her final year of curacy. This reflects her desire to go into chaplaincy ministry as her next post. This means from August she will be half time in the parish.

18. Mission Project at St Paul's

Wendy outlined a mission project she is currently planning to temporarily convert the interior of St Paul's into a Skate Board/BMX Park probably for the week of half-term in October. The idea is to protect the interior and floor with plywood cladding and to have professionals install the runs and jumps. She is seeking funding from the local council and donations of material from local builders. The project is expected to involve no expense for the Parish save perhaps some heating costs if this is required. The event would probably open from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 pm each day for one week depending on staffing, which would be provided by the Matrix Team, including the Youth Worker. There would be a small charge to the young people for using the facility to ensure that they value the experience. Health and Safety assessment and insurance cover need to be in place before the project could run. St Paul's Business Team has discussed the project and is in favour of it.

Dianne proposed and Jacqueline seconded a motion **that the PCC gives its permission in principle to hosting the Mission Project as outlined above in St Paul's**. This was carried with no votes against.

19. Financial Report

The Treasurer reported that there was a slight increase in the level of recent giving and that £37k (40%) had been paid so far towards the Parish Share. This was ahead of our position last year.

20. Date of Next Meeting

Dates previously agreed are:-

7th Sep; 5th Oct; 2nd Nov; 7th Dec