

Minutes of Meeting of PCC of Mirfield Team Parish

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

Ref PCC/Minutes/Minutes of PCC 7 Sept 09

1. Present

Jim Law (Chair), Revd Gill Johnson, Revd Ann Pollard, Revd Helen Butler, Revd Wendy Dalrymple, Sue Pope, Michael Hampshire, Christine Breare, Ruth Edwards, Barry Hambling, Chris Hargrave, Sue Young, Stephen Butler, David Brooke, Anne Heeley, Katharine Crossley, Jacqueline Turner, Val Warner, Jane Jaggar, Jessica Malay, Marieke Biddle. (The PCC extends a warm welcome to Archdeacon Peter Townley).

2. Apologies

Carol Wilkinson, Carole Sykes, Dianne Watkinson, Susan Auckland, Mark Pollard.

3. Minutes

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

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

- The Faculty for a gravespace for Mark and Lesley Goshawk is now completed.
- **Appointment of Parish Giving Officer-** Jessica gave a verbal report of the meeting at Bishop's Lodge on Thurs 16th July for Parish Giving Officers (actual and potential) and Treasurers. She also agreed to attend the Training day scheduled for Saturday 19th September at the Cathedral School, Thornes Rd., WF2 8QF, 9:30am to 1:0pm and called for volunteers to attend with her. She agreed to represent the PCC but not to take on the role of Parish Giving Officer although she was prepared to join a small group charged with the task.
- To report that the financial cost of the Quinquennial inspections for St Mary's and St Paul's is £750 +VAT per church.

5. Report on Urgent Constitutional Change to Croft House Rooms Charity

The following cosmetic change to section 2.5 of the Constitution of Croft House Rooms Charity was approved by email/post on 25th July 2009. 12 votes were received in favour and none against; the voting being quorate.

2.5 Consultation with Constituent Bodies, PCC and UHCA

The Management Committee consults both the PCC and the UHCA. The PCC is an elected body, which in turn consults the congregations of the larger parish formally at its AGM in March or by discussion at special meetings. The UHCA is run by elected Officers and meets once each month in Croft House. Anyone from the surrounding area is welcome at these meetings (~~there being no actual committee~~) and hence there is a very wide consultation without any restriction. ~~Some meetings may involve as many as 30 or more people.~~ Insert [The UHCA is recognized as a properly constituted body with democratically elected Officers]."

6. Progress of Appointment for Priest-in-Charge – Archdeacon

The Archdeacon reported that a good advert was placed in the Church Times on two successive Fridays, but these generated no interest. The lack of interest in new posts was common in both the south and the north and may be due to reluctance to relocate because of children at school, and/or working spouses and possibly the change in rules of tenure of new posts. However one candidate was approached directly and he had met with the representatives twice, having had a tour of the Parish. He was due to be interviewed on 16th September and if acceptable would then meet the Clergy and Rural Dean. He will then need to decide if he wished to accept the post, after which he would meet the Wardens and PCC. If he accepts he may be in post by Christmas.

7. Correspondence

- Applications to administer the sacrament have been issued by the Bishop for Stephen Butler and Jacqueline Turner. Licenses now give general authorization and it is up to the incumbent to decide in each case whether the person authorized will be invited to distribute the communion in church, more widely to the sick or both.
- The Secretary has written to Mr D Hardcastle, Head of Crowlees School following the election of a Foundation Governor, Dianne Watkinson, and also informed the Diocesan Director of Education, Canon Ian Wildey
- A claim for damages has been received from Jordon's Solicitors following the accident sustained by Barbara Squires when she tripped and fell over a raised flagstone in the graveyard of St John's on 22nd March at 5:15pm following an Evensong service. The Secretary is dealing with the matter through our Insurers, Ecclesiastical. Ecclesiastical have accepted liability and are negotiating a settlement. White hazard lines were painted on the various trip hazards on the concrete slabs in the graveyard on 23rd July 09 as suggested by the Architect Stephen Parry in the Quinquennial Report. Stephen, as Safety Officer, called for everyone to be vigilant in the matter of safety and to inform Wardens of anything which may pose a risk.

8. Foundation Governor – Crowlees School

Rachel Copley has completed two 3 year terms as a Parent Governor of Crowlees School. Peter and Glynis Davis filled the two positions as Foundation Governors. Following the death of Glynis, it was felt that continuity at the School was best served by Rachel staying in post and she had agreed to do this. However, she can only do this as our second Foundation Governor. Ann P nominated and Michael seconded Rachel Copley as a Foundation Governor of Crowlees School to serve for a further period. As there were no further nominations Rachel was duly elected. **Action Secretary**

9. Financial Report

David tabled a detailed Financial Report that showed a deficit of £3,307 on expenditure to date of £93,765. He had paid £52,100 towards the Parish Share of £94,668. This was ahead of the position last year and there was a possibility that the Parish Share could be met but he pointed out that there were now no reserves to draw on.

10. Update on Parish Flat

Sue Pope gave an update on the Parish Flat and indicated that it had been let to an older lady at a monthly rent of £450 following the departure of the 4 students in the summer. The letting Agent was pursuing the Students for some damage to the carpet in the flat. The occupant seemed to be content with the flat and Sue indicated that she appeared to be a good tenant.

11. Harvest Extravaganza

Ruth indicated that the arrangements were going well. The West Yorkshire Police Band had been booked and that flyers and tickets were available. Tickets were distributed to the PCC to sell and it was pointed out the children still attending School were to be admitted free of charge to all the events.

Barry proposed and Chris H seconded a resolution that **the PCC to approve a cash float of £500 for the Harvest Extravaganza.** This was carried with no votes against.

12. Storage of Surplus St Mary's Pews

Seven surplus pews, following the re-ordering of St Mary's, are currently being stored by the Langstaff family. The Langstaffs are getting on in years and would like the pews to be taken away. The storage was only temporary and has gone on for 20 years. The pews are of oak construction and they are in poor condition. Five of them seat 8, and have no ends and two are smaller. It was agreed that they should be disposed of. Marieke agreed to store them temporarily at her farm so as to relieve the Langstaffs but stressed that this was a short term measure. Barry agreed to organize the removal and the Secretary agreed to approach Julia Wilding to seek permission to sell or otherwise dispose of them. **Action Barry, and Secretary**

13. Date of Next Meeting

Dates previously agreed are:-

5th Oct; 2nd Nov; 7th Dec

N. B. DVD on "Year of the Child" will be shown to the PCC at the meeting held on 5th October