

Minutes of Meeting of PCC of Mirfield Team Parish 2nd March 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, Katharine Crossley, Susan Pope, Ruth Edwards, Mark Pollard, Barry Hambling, Valerie Warner, David Brooke, Anne Heeley, Jane Jaggar, Stephen Butler, Chris Hargrave, Carol Wilkinson, Jacqueline Turner, Dianne Watkinson, Susan Young.

2. Apologies

Revd Helen Butler, Carole Sykes, Susan Auckland, Rachel Copley.

3. Minutes

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

4. Matters Arising from Minutes

- Nothing yet to report on the Faculty for a gravespace for Mark and Lesley Goshawk –**action Wendy**
- No action to report on Signage.
- Jean Handsford has been licensed to Administer the Sacrament

The secretary gave one Warden from each church a pack of papers containing; an APCM Notice and Agenda, a Notice Calling for Nominations and Nomination forms.

The situation on the election of Wardens is that there is one vacancy for each Church. Wardens standing down and due for re-election if proposed are Mark Pollard, Val Warner and Sue Young. The period of office of the new appointees will be 2 years.

The situation on the election of PCC members is that there is one vacancy for each Church. Members standing down and due for re-election if proposed are Rachel Copley, Carole Sykes and Stephen Butler: The period of office of the new appointees will be 3 years. In addition, there is a further vacancy for a representative of St John's with a period of office of 1 year due to the retirement of Owen Ryder.

5. Correspondence

The Articles of Enquiry for 2009 and Notice of Visitation have been received by the Secretary. This is to be completed and returned by 31 May 2009.

The firm formerly employing Rob Craggs has gone into liquidation, but a new company, Calls Architecture, has been established to continue the work. The PCC notes that Rob Craggs continues as Church Architect for both St Mary's and St Paul's.

6. Meeting with Archdeacon – Update on Parish Profile

Notes of the meeting with Archdeacon on 16th Feb along with the resulting draft modification to the Profile suggested by the Archdeacon and subsequently modified by the Wardens was circulated. The PCC noted the modifications and agreed that these be sent to the Archdeacon for further minor modification if necessary. **Action Secretary**

The Archdeacon has accepted the invitation to attend the PCC on 6th July.

7. Evensong at St John's

The Evensong held at St John's on 22nd February had an attendance of about 60 and was considered to be very successful. There was some debate as to whether this service should rotate its venue, but it was considered unwise to move the service in the immediate future until it was well established. It was also considered that the two other churches were too big to provide the right atmosphere with a congregation as small as 50 or 60. The PCC was supportive of Evensong being continued at St John's once each month until July in the first instance.

8. Deanery Synod

The PCC discussed the Deanery Synod transformational plan and expressed serious reservation on a number of points as follows:-

- Items 2 and 9 directly affect the Mirfield Team Parish (MTP) and were both what we had expected to happen. The ½ post was temporary anyway.

- MTP had direct experience of a Clergy sharing half an appointment with the Diocese and this arrangement was far from satisfactory to both parties.
- The PCC considered some groupings, such as item 1, to be too large for effective ministry by one person.
- It was noted that there was no consideration given to closing churches.
- In item 6 any moves for lay and ordained Ministers to have regular ministry beyond their current parish will cause difficulties. It will need organising from the Deanery and if taken too far this places the Deanery at the centre of organisation undermining Group Ministries, Parishes and PCCs alike.
- Item 4 – We cannot see any logic in moving Whitley Lower to another Deanery.

9. Financial Report

David circulated a paper outlining the finances for January and February. It was noted that the first month's rent from the flat of £595 had been received. A tax refund of £12,708 was received giving a total income of £25,211. The Diocese has been paid £20,700 of the parish share of £94,668. The total expenditure for the period was £28,877 giving a deficit of £3,666.

10. Re-organisation of Teams and Plan to Address Finances for 2009

At a previous meeting of the Clergy and Wardens it was agreed to recommend that we run with a Stewardship Campaign. This reverses the decision taken in the January PCC meeting when it was agreed to defer the Stewardship Campaign. It was pointed out that a Stewardship Campaign contained three elements, namely the giving of time, talent and money. It was recognised that we needed to increase all three of these elements, however, increasing the income was the most urgent issue. Stephen proposed and Michael seconded a resolution **“in view of the current financial situation Andrew Eastwood be asked to update his scheme and to run a Financial Awareness Campaign as soon as possible”**. This was carried with no votes against.

It was agreed that it was not sensible to reorganise the current structure just before a new Priest-in-Charge is appointed. The FAB team will meet on Friday 6th March. It aims to plan the Financial Awareness Campaign in particular and consider the financial situation more generally. An invitation to join the FAB Meeting was extended to the PCC members.

Ruth suggested a Harvest Extravaganza as a fund raising event at the end of September. Discussion of this was deferred until the next meeting.

11. Other Business

Chris H asked about putting the PCC Minutes on the Web Site. It was agreed that this should be done one month in arrears after the Minutes of the previous meeting had been approved.

As the 30th March Meeting was not likely to have a long agenda it was suggested that we start the meeting with a short Eucharist. This was agreed.

12. Dates of PCC Meetings for 2009

The scheduled meetings are as follows:-

30th Mar, APCM (Wed 22nd Apr)
 25th May; 6th Jul; 7th Sep; 5th Oct; 2nd Nov; 7th Dec.