

BIRSTALL & WANLIP PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday, 15 May, 2013 at 7.30pm in Wanlip Church Rooms

Present: Revd Jupp, Mr John Ward, Mr Tony Bloxam, Mrs Janet Waters, Mrs Leigh Reid, Mrs Nicky Wills, Mrs Gill Pope, Mrs Julie Ward, Miss Sandra Robinson, Mrs Lesley Walton, Mrs Rita Richards, Mrs Rose Parrott, Mr Bert Tegg, Mrs Marion Tegg

Apologies: Mr Alan Lewin, Mr Alastair McHugh, Mrs Beryl McHugh, Mr Peter Grange, Mr Colin Goddard, Mrs Mary Bruce, Mrs Elaine White

The meeting opened with a prayer and Revd Jupp welcomed new members to the committee.

1. Minutes of meeting 19 March 2013

- (i) Mr Peter Grange and Mrs Lesley Walton were present at the meeting.
- (ii) Hospitality: The date of the retreat is 21-23 March 2014.

Subject to the above amendments the minutes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

Minutes of meeting 17 April 2013 (immediately following APCM)

This meeting was held purely for the purpose of electing officers to the committee and was accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

2. Matters arising

None.

3. Finance

Revd Jupp explained that as the treasurer was not able to attend on this occasion the item should be deferred until the next meeting. He had, however, had to convene an emergency meeting in order to sanction a further payment for the repairs to the roof.

At this point Revd Jupp had to leave the meeting and Mrs Janet Waters took the chair.

4. Parish share bid for 2014

A decision on our bid is required by 4 July. This is the first year under the new system and the treasurer has suggested an offer of £46,000 be made, a reduction of £8,000 from 2013. Concern was expressed that if our offer is too low and other parishes also make very low offers, then the diocese will suffer hardship. After some discussion it was felt that no decision could be made in the absence of the treasurer and an extraordinary meeting should be convened when the treasurer is able to attend.

5. Mission and Evangelism

Mrs Waters and Mrs Doreen Wilson will attend a fact-finding afternoon about DNA at St Martin's House on May 28th and will report back to the next meeting.

6. Reports

(i) Hospitality: Mrs Lesley Walton

The hospitality team had hosted an afternoon tea for newer members of the church, to enable them to get to know each other and other members of the congregation. The Discovering God course is coming to an end and has been very successful. It has also been decided to offer tea and coffee to anyone who may drop into the church on a Saturday morning. A new welcome package is being prepared.

(ii) Bid Group: Mrs Janet Waters

Mrs Waters explained the purpose of the Growth Fund for the benefit of new members. The money is expressly for the purpose of mission and evangelism and the Bid Group had met to discuss what is happening in the village already and what may be needed. The group feel that the greatest need is for a mission outreach worker to work alongside the ministry team, both in the village and at Hallam Fields. Mrs Waters is to meet with Luke Fogg, who is employed by the diocese as the fund co-ordinator in June and he will advise on how to proceed.

(iii) Youth and Community: Mrs Rose Parrott

Mrs Parrott was pleased to report that, since the advent of a new head teacher and RE co-ordinator at Stonehill School, we have been invited into the school. This is something they have been working towards for some time. Discussions are ongoing regarding the Sunday School and a paper will be produced shortly. A programme entitled "Welcome to God's table" will commence in September.

(iv) Social Committee: Miss Sandra Robinson

The committee has not met since the last PCC meeting and the next meeting is to be held on 18 June. The Parish lunch at Lingdale Golf Club was very successful. There is a trip to Gloucester on 22 June and an Away-day is being held on 27 July. Information regarding the retreat at Hothorpe Hall in 2014 will be going out soon.

(v) Music and Worship:

No meeting had been held since the last PCC meeting.

7. Buildings

Birstall

- (i) Roof update: Mr Bloxam reported that the repairs to the roof should be completed by the end of May. One section, where the timber had completely rotted away, represented a structural hazard and had increased the cost. The other sections had needed minor timber repairs. It is not yet known what money will be received for the recovered copper. He had also received an email from an alarm company offering a free survey and quotation for a roof alarm, but he stated that our insurance company will cover any roof metal theft provided that it is protected with smart water, which it is.

Discussion took place on whether or not it is necessary to have the extra cost of an alarm system if the premiums would not be reduced as a consequence. It was proposed that the company be asked to provide a free survey, with costings, when the matter will be reconsidered. This was agreed unanimously.

In response to a question from the floor, Mr Bloxam said that there had been some problems inside the church resulting from the repairs to the roof, but he thought that these could be easily dealt with.

- (ii) Kitchen update: A meeting is to be held on 23 May, following the morning service and Revd Sheila Skidmore has been invited to offer advice. The question of whether or not to cover the floor will also be discussed then. Some feedback has suggested that people would like some sort of covering on the floor.
- (iii) St James Hall project: The project was explained to new members. It is in the early stages and is being considered by Charnwood councillors to ascertain feasibility.
- (iv) Reading Room: The situation was explained to new members. The matter is still with the solicitors and Alan Chapman is following it up.

Wanlip:

An alarm system is being considered. An outside lamp has been replaced after 50 years of use following some damage. Some problems are being experienced with the car park with people turning up in the middle of the night and upsetting the neighbours. A coffee morning is being held on Saturday, 18 May.

8. Rector's items

In the absence of the Rector, Mr Bloxam said that he would like the question of the 50th anniversary of the extension to St James' Church to be discussed. He requested that this be taken on wholeheartedly by the PCC and congregation. He considered it to be an opportunity to showcase the church and bring the village in. Various suggestions were made regarding the format to be used and the following proposal was made:

To put on an event on a Saturday around the 50th anniversary of the extension and Mary Bruce, Debbie Shephard and Tony Bloxam will organise, with power to co-opt where necessary.

This was carried unanimously.

9. Deanery Bert Tegg

No meeting has been held since last PCC. The next meeting will be on 12 June and the main topic of discussion will be a presentation on marriage. Everyone is invited to attend and a notice will be put into the information sheet.

10. Churches together John Ward

Mr Ward reported that the meeting on 10 April had had a disappointing attendance. The joint meeting on Christian Unity was cancelled because of inclement weather and

will now take place at 6pm on 16 June at Wanlip. The next meeting will be at St Theresa's Church on 14 August.

11. Any other business

- (i) Mr Bloxam had received enquiries regarding this year's Ride and Stride and asked if the members would wish the church to be part of the event again. This would involve having the church open from 10am until 4pm on the day. The event is to take place on 14 September. It was agreed that we would wish to be part of this and that suitable arrangements can be made.
- (ii) Mr Bloxam reported that the Sunday morning market place had raised £1,097 since October last year, mainly due to the hard work and efforts of Alison Lake and her family. He felt that the load should be shared and suggested that more people should get involved, perhaps providing jams and pickles, garden produce, etc. The members agreed and Mr Bloxam will put a notice into the Information sheet reminding people of the purpose of the market place, and suggesting that Alison would welcome contributions from the congregation.

The PCC wished to acknowledge the work Alison and her family have put in to this venture and expressed their thanks.

The meeting ended with The Grace.