

**At a meeting of the Birstall and Wanlip Parochial Church Council
held on Tuesday 19 March 2013 at 7.30 p.m.
at St. James the Great**

Present: Mr. John Ward; Mrs Mary Bruce; Mr. Alan Lewin (treasurer); Mr. Tony Bloxam; Mr. Bert Tegg; Mrs. Marion Tegg; Mrs Beryl McHugh; Mrs. Doreen Wilson; Miss Sandra Robinson; Mrs Janet Waters; Mrs Rose Parrott and Mrs Gill Pope.

Mrs Debbie Shephard acted as secretary

Guest presentation: Revd Jupp welcomed and introduced Mr Andrew Nutter and Mrs Maxine Johnson from the diocese who had been invited to make a presentation to the PCC on Legacies.

The presentation was very informative and helpful. Promotion materials were left to support a similar presentation to be made to the congregation over the coming months.

Normal business resumed

Apologies: Cicely Plumb; Peter Moyers and Maureen Holland

Minutes from the meetings of the 23 January 2013: were accepted as a true and accurate account of the meeting and duly signed.

Matters arising from the minutes: Mr Bloxam reported that the emergency lighting was almost complete and was coming in at under the £150.00 budget.

Finances:

- **Presentation of accounts:** Mr Alan Lewin circulated a copy of the accounts which are currently with the auditors in preparation for the APCM. He went through the accounts highlighting the critical figures. He invited questions from the floor and said he would be happy to answer questions at any time before the APCM once people have had time to digest them. There being no questions at this time the following proposal was made by Mr John Ward and seconded by Mrs Doreen Wilson

The accounts should be approved and accepted subject to a positive Auditors report

Carried unanimously

- **Parish Share Meeting:** On the 18th April there will be a meeting at Rothley to discuss Parish Share offers in preparation for submission by the 4th July 2013
- **Hospitality Budget:** There has been request for a 'Hospitality' budget. Revd. Jupp proposed establishing a fund of £500.00 this was seconded by Mrs Beryl McHugh and carried unanimously

Mission and evangelism:

PMAG will be launched at a special service on the 11th May. The Bishop is attending and each church will play an active part in the proceedings. There is a partnership budget available to cover expenses.

Reports

- **Hospitality:** There is an away day organised for the 27 July – more details to follow and a retreat is booked for the 21 – 23 May 2013
- **Bid Group:** They are pursuing a number of avenues to carry forward.

- **Youth and Community:** Mrs Rose Parrott said she would like a meeting with 'Hospitality' and Music and Worship to discuss the Mothers Union Leaflet and how Youth and Community can be integrated.
- **Social Committee:** Sandra Robinson reported that the group hadn't met since the last PCC meeting but said that the film night had raised £116.70 and the evening at Wanlip £150.00. The Parish Holiday is fully booked and a Barn Dance was planned. The Social Committee is running a very successful programme.
- **Music and worship:** Mrs McHugh said there had been no meeting since the last PCC meeting.

Buildings:

- **Birstall:** Mr Bloxam reported that Norman and Underwood are due to start the repair work on the roof on 2 April.

The carpet has been removed from the Howard room and the floor re-pointed. Mr Bloxam suggested that the floor be left like this but various comments were made regarding negative feedback from different user groups. Following a discussion it was agreed to leave it as it is for a trial period to be reviewed at the next PCC meeting in May.

There was a further discussion regarding other items of equipment for the room and it was agreed that Mrs Lesley Walton would draw all the user groups together to discuss exact requirements.

- **St. James Hall:** Revd. Jupp reported that we had received feedback from the Planning department and the Lime trees may create a problem as they are in a conservation area. Andrew Shephard has had a meeting with a structural engineer and is waiting for a report back as he feels the trees could be undermining the stability of the wall.
- **Reading room:** Progress is very slow but moving forward
- **Wanlip:** Mr Ward reported that the Wc4 have approached Severn Trent to access a fund they have established for local groups. The PCC approved the approach.

Rectors Items:

- **50th Anniversary.** It was debated whether anything should be done to celebrate the 50th Anniversary. Revd Jupp said no-one had come forward to offer to run it. Various ideas and suggestions were put forward and Mr Bloxam and Mrs Bruce said they would organise it and Debbie Shephard will assist.
- **Church Fete:** Nick Black is organising it this year. Members were asked to offer their help and support.
- **Church Size presentation:** Presentation documents were circulated that Revd. Jupp and Mr Bloxam had been given at a presentation they attended recently. Members were asked to study it in preparation for a discussion to be on the agenda of the next meeting. Copies to be circulated to absent members. Revd. Jupp feels we, as a church are on the cusp of becoming a level 3 Church and that the infrastructure we are putting in place is the first priority in any growth plan.

Deanery:

Mr Bert Tegg reported that work was in progress for the re-internment of King Richards remains. There has been a massive increase in the interest in the cathedral since the remains were found. The cost to the diocese will be approximately £500.000 for the total re-ordering of the Cathedral. The City Council are contributing a substantial sum towards it.

Churches Together:

- The Good Friday walk of witness is planned to start outside Barclays Bank at 10:00. Mrs Mary Bruce will organise the Hot Cross buns for the end of the walk.
- There is a planning meeting for the Gala on the 18th April. The gala is on the 29th and 30th June.
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Correspondence: Revd Jupp has received a letter from David Newman at the Diocesan office to say there are still subsidised places left for the Bishop's Pilgrimage to the Holy land on the 29th Oct – 7th Nov 2013. He was also asked to encourage people to attend the Maundy Thursday Service at the Cathedral

A.O.B. – The archdeacon's Visitation will be at St. Mary's Melton Mowbray on the 25 May

Date of next meeting: immediately following the APCM on the 17th April 2013 and the first full meeting on the 15th May 2013

The meeting finished at 9:15 with the grace