

BIRSTALL AND WANLIP PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held at Birstall Church on Wednesday 23rd July 2014.

Present: Mrs Debbie Shephard (Chair) Revd.V Jupp (Minutes), Mr John Ward, Mrs Janet Waters, Mrs Dorothy Wakefield, Mr Bert Tegg, Mrs Marion Tegg, Mrs Cicely Plumb, Mrs Gillian Pope, Mrs Lesley Walton, Miss Sandra Robinson, Mr Tony Bloxam, Mrs Nicki Wills, Mrs Elaine White, Mrs Beryl McHugh, Mr Alastair McHugh, Rev'd Anne Crosby, Mrs Annette Marshall, Mrs Leigh Reid, Mr Peter Chester.

Not Present: Mrs Mary Bruce and Mrs Joan Folland

Apologies: None received.

The meeting opened with a prayer.

1. Minutes of meeting held on 14th May 2014.

- a. Item 1 should have read 3.9.2013 and not 2014
- b. Item 4 should have read £195,000
- c. Item 6 should have read 'There are 5 weddings in the Church and not suggesting there are 5 bookings for the Wanlip 'rooms'.

2. Matters arising

- a. The consultation regarding the morning service times revealed that there were 55 replies, 46 of which were for staying at 10am and 9 for returning to 09:30am, therefore the service would remain at 10am.
- b. The 'Ride and Stride' event would mean the opening of Wanlip Church and would coincide with refreshments served in 'Old Nick's tea rooms'.

3. Mission

- a. Rev'd Jupp reported that following the bid the mission group had met to begun planning for the work on Hallam Fields; planning which includes looking at a launch for the fresh expression at Pentecost 2015 (24th May), by which time we hope to have someone in place, know where we are going to be sited and be engaged with the community in a number of different ways. Rev'd Jupp also reported that as part of the work regular communication would be offered via dynamic display boards in both churches and through the usual outlets and encouraged others to be involved in this work.
- b. Mission Shaped Ministry Course. So far we have 4 named people going on the course in September, which requires 9 days investment over an 18 month period. We need to field a minimum of 6 people to receive our full discount. Rev'd Jupp hoped that others from the membership might wish to get involved in this mission work and perhaps consider going on the course.

4. Finance

- a. Mrs Nicki Wills informed the meeting of her difficulties with Barclays Bank and the changing of the Mandates. She explained that she had to submit another set of forms and re-present herself to the bank in order to move forward.

- b. Mrs Wills requested permission to access the church accounts online and through telephone banking: *Proposed:* Lesley Walton, *Seconded:* Peter Chester. The vote was unanimous.
- c. House Sale: The Diocesan solicitors have said that they are happy to complete on Friday 25th July. Dealing with Latham's has not been entirely satisfactory with regard to the valuation process in particular regarding their insistence on our having a second valuation even though we followed their advice completely on the first one. This contradictory demand cost the church a further approximate £350 and is a matter to be taken up with Latham's after the completion.

5. Reports in brief

- a. **CtB:** Rev'd Jupp reported that there is renewed energy in CtB with a record turnout at the last meeting (July). He put this down to the fact that we are no longer doing those things that we have always done out of duty, but are now engaged in mission work that everyone wants to do together. The current 'Big Heads Puppet project' seems to have captured the group's attention and Puppet manufacture is under way. St James under the guidance of Rita Richards is to make 3 heads and 6 hands in conjunction with Stonehill School if possible (other churches with other schools and groups) Once the puppets are completed they will be used at community events like the turning on of the lights at Christmas and nativity plays and even 'All Age Services'. Rev'd Jupp, Anne Crosby, and Rita Richards attended a recent puppet making meeting at the Methodist Church in town to progress matters.
- b. **Deanery:** Bert Tegg reported that the recent meeting concentrated on what each church was doing with regard to the growth fund and bids. He reported that Sileby and Rothley were to employ a Youth and Children's Worker, The Fosse Team were working well on their Partner's in Missional Church project and that he enthusiastically presented our Hallam Fields Project. He also reported that the Parish Gift meeting had gone well and that this had been received well by the diocese. Rev'd Jupp reported that the deanery as a whole had increased their giving by 8% for the year.
- c. **Music and Worship:** Beryl reported that this meeting had gone well and there wasn't anything to discuss or report.
- d. **Hospitality:** Sandra Robinson reported that the previous year's budget had been used and requested some money to use on essentials. A budget of £250 was suggested and agreed, *Proposed:* Annette Marshall, *Seconded:* Dorothy Wakefield, agreed unanimously. Lesley Walton talked of the supermarkets positive move towards the use of 'ethical Fairtrade products' and suggested we use those instead of the old style 'Traidcraft' products as they were cheaper. This was affirmed.
- e. **Social committee:** This group had not met, but Gill Pope reported that the York Trip had been cancelled due to insufficient numbers.
- f. **Sunday School:** A paper was circulated prior to the meeting offering a situation report with regard to the work done over recent months and the need for new leaders and assistants to maintain this important missional ministry. Rev'd Jupp thanked the group for their continued commitment and professionalism to the work and explained how he felt moved by their passion and shared their frustration. He

suggested that they share with the congregation the same message to perhaps encourage others to see what an important and intrinsic part of the future health of the church this ministry is; encouraging others to get involved occasionally or more fully on a rota basis. It was agreed that the current leaders would say a few words during a service later in the summer stating their mission aims and sharing their passion with the whole membership before following up with interested parties on a one to one basis.

- g. **CONFIDENTIAL** item.

6. Buildings Birstall

- a. **Lead flashing:** Tony Bloxam informed the meeting that there was no need for listed building consent to replace the lead flashing with another material after all and that Charnwood Borough Council had written to him suggesting he withdraw the application; apologising for the time wasted. He can now add this project to the minor works application through the office of the Archdeacon. The insurance company had already paid out for this work although the work has yet to be done.
- b. **Toilets:** Alistair and Tony reported that have priced up the toilet project and believe that they can effect the necessary changes to both the male and female toilets for around £500 for each toilet. The meeting discussed tiling the disabled toilet too and the inclusion of some sort of heating provision. Agreement to go ahead was given provisionally at the last meeting, but a vote was taken to allow a budget of £1500 for the three toilets to be completed; labour being generously donated by the 'Maintenance crew'. *Proposed:* Peter Chester, *seconded:* Sandra Robinson, carried unanimously.
- c. **Copper Roof:** The retention figure of 2.5% was called for by Norman and Underwood which equated to £827.03.
- d. **Hole in roof of church:** Paul Wills had done an expert job on filling the hole in the roof and was thanked by the meeting. We are still awaiting a bill from Paul for the work and encourage him to invoice the church.
- e. **Fire Extinguishers:** These had been serviced at a cost of £49.20.
- f. **Insurance Quote:** The Church insurers (Ecclesiastical) had surveyed the church (first time since the year 2000) and had required based on a new valuation of £3,955,000 giving rise to an annual premium of £2745.63. They had suggested we might reduce the premium by changing the excess which was discussed. The meeting noting little gains for changing voted to remain at £100 excess. *Proposed:* Beryl McHugh, *seconded:* Peter Chester, carried unanimously.

7. Buildings Wanlip

- a. **Wanlip Church:** A report was circulated prior to the meeting and questions invited. Dorothy Wakefield asked about the damp wall and the finish and whether the plaster should be removed. John Ward said he had this item in mind and would re-visit it when he could.
- b. **WC4:** Within the above report a paragraph on the kitchen facilities was mentioned and a question raised at this meeting as to what people felt we should be including.

Various items of equipment were mentioned including good preparation space and John Ward requested members write down their ideas and give them to him.

8. Garden Fete

- a. A discussion about the mission purpose of the fete ensued and a measure of the desire for this event was taken. Rev'd Jupp said that, 'A fete half done is worse than no fete at all and gives a poor message to the people of Birstall and Wanlip.' A call for more involvement and new ideas was clearly needed and it was decided that a 'Fete planning group' should convene and start work on the 2015 fete as soon as the 2014 fete is over. There is a hope that we would make much more of this mission opportunity for 2015. Comments were made about competitions and prizes and advertisements and these would form part of the future thinking.

9. Rector's items

- a. Rev'd Jupp reported how pleased he was that Christopher Beaumont had joined us as our new resident organist and how God had answered prayer in sending someone so talented with a desire to work with the choirs, and also play at both churches. Rev'd Jupp also took the opportunity to comment on just how professional and supportive both Andrew White and David Bark had been throughout the change-over and how pleased he was that they would continue to offer their services as 'cover organists' in the future. A letter from the PCC would be sent to thank them for their services.

10. Correspondence

- a. A letter was received from the Clerk to the Parish Council, Sue Coulson, highlighting their understanding of the existing lease held by the church and their intent to change the locks without issuing new keys. Rev'd Jupp explained the content of the letter and how it had clarified the future use of the hall. We still have first call on the use of the hall, but will need to let Sue know of our intention to use it by Friday at 5pm latest in order to book in for the weekend.

11. **A.O.B.** (none received prior to the meeting).

12. **Next meeting:** September 10th at Wanlip Church Rooms

13. **Close.** The meeting closed with the Grace

Buildings

Rectors Items

The date of the next meeting is 10th September July at Wanlip

The Meeting ended with The Grace.