

BIRSTALL AND WANLIP PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held in St James' Church, Birstall on the 12th May 2015, 7.30pm

Present: Revd Vince Jupp (Chair); John Ward (taking minutes); Elaine White; Dorothy Wakefield; Bert Tegg; Marrion Tegg; Peter Chester; Tony Bloxam; Debbie Shephard; Julie Ward; Andy Proud; Nikki Wills; Annette Marshall; Sandra Robinson; Lesley Walton; Alaster McHugh; Cicely Plumb; Leigh Reid

Apologies: Janet Waters; Mary Bruce

Prayers Revd Vince Jupp opened the meeting with a prayer.

	Action
<p>1. Minutes of Previous Meetings</p> <p>The minutes of the previous meetings held on the 10th March and 22nd April had been circulated previously. Both sets of minutes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings and approved.</p>	
<p>2. Team Question</p> <p>The PCC was asked to consider the proposal from the special PCC meeting held on the 22nd April which has been called to discuss the paper from Cannon David White asking whether the Mission Partnership should remain 'just good friends' or progress to a formal Team Ministry.</p> <p>The proposal put forward was that we continue with the Mission Partnership on the basis of 'good friends'. Proposed by Debbie Shephard; seconded by Bert Tegg. The proposal was passed unanimously.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising from the meeting held on 10th March, 2015</p> <p>Hymn Number at St James - Lesley asked what progress was being made in obtaining new numbers. Tony reported that we could obtain black on white, or white on black at £19 per set. Proposed by Tony Bloxam that we purchase 2 sets black on white; seconded by Sandra Robinson. Passed unanimously.</p> <p>Printed reading inserts – following protests from some of the congregations the reading sheets had been reintroduced on a limited basis (40 for St James; 12 for OL&StN) and made available to whoever wanted one. It was noted that not all the sheets produced were taken. It was decided to continue producing a limited number of sheets.</p>	TB
<p>4. Mission & Evangelism</p> <p>There would be an opportunity to meet socially with other members of the Mission Partnership after the Ascension Day Service at St James.</p>	
<p>5. Finance</p> <p>Nikki reported on the finances:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The accounts were with the Auditors. • She was filling in the annual return for the Charity Commissioners. All PCC 	

<p>members are Trustees and as such, as members change at the APCM whereas the Return covers our financial year it is essential that the Return states against members whether they served for the full year; retired at the APCM; or were elected at the APCM.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We currently hold £269.00 in Consolidated Stocks. It was agreed in view of the low interest rate to cash these in and to pay the funds into the General Account. • Paper work has been received from the Diocese to enable a start in the 'Parish Contribution' discussions. • We have received a cheque from the Inland Revenue for £9643.22 for the tax rebate for 2012/13. Nikki was now working on the 2013/14 tax year. • Nikki was looking into the benefits of changing our energy supplier utilising 'Parish Funding'. She should know in the summer if a change would be beneficial. At the same time she was looking at a telecommunications package. 	NW
<p>It was noted that the cost of the works to the toilets at St James had been charged to the General Account, it should infact be charged to the Maintenance Fund – a transfer will be made.</p> <p>Vince stated that Nikki had done phenomenal work since taking over as Treasurer sorting out numerous problems cheerfully. We should all be extremely grateful.</p>	NW
<p>6. Reports Social – Report previously circulated.</p>	
<p>It was suggested that the work of organising activities etc. always seems to be left to the same dedicated few. We need to be building sustainability into our structure.</p>	VJ
<p>Music & Worship – Next meeting in June</p>	VJ
<p>Web-Site – Gill Pope would like to hand this over – we need to find a volunteer.</p>	
<p>Children & Families - Report previously circulated</p>	
<p>Tony asked how the refurbishment of the Children's area at St James had been financed. Vince explained it was an anominous donation – he would write a letter of thanks.</p>	VJ
<p>CPOC – Tony reported that there had been a meeting between NB and the new Diocesan Safeguarding Officer (Rachael Spires) – he is waiting for her to report back on the meeting.</p>	
<p>Hospitality – It was suggested that we should be making greater use of the back of St James for soup lunches etc.,</p>	
<p>Men's Group – Bert had a meeting on Sunday night to review what has been done in the past and what direction to move in. Conclusion to carry on with selection of speakers as at present. The Methodists have been invited to join in.</p>	
<p>Pioneer Worker – Stephen March joined the meeting at 8.40pm and gave a brief resume of the steps he had taken so far.</p>	

<p>Vince asked if he and Sharon felt welcomed/settled in – Stephen, Yes.</p> <p>Stephen reported that he is talking with the Diocesan Pioneer Development Team and would be working with them to develop the role.</p> <p>Vince stated that we need to encourage all members of the Church to be involved whether in a small way or something bigger. Need to generate organic growth.</p> <p>7. House for Curate/Pioneer Worker</p> <p>The task of finding a suitable house on Hallam Fields is proving difficult due to the Dioceses strict guidelines for clergy housing – no houses currently meet the specification. Stephen was asked if he could stay in Oakfield Ave (the Archdeacons preference is for a house on the estate).</p> <p>If Stephen stays in Oakfield Ave there is no need for immediate action in finding a suitable house; however we would need to pay removal costs if we ask them to move in the future.</p> <p>Peter Chester stated that the ideal is a house on Hallam Fields, but it needs to be the right house! It was suggested that we continue looking but defer a decision for up to 12 months.</p> <p>8. Buildings</p> <p>St James</p> <p>Toilet refurbishment – now want to start the final toilet, but Tony concerned over potential leaks/condensation from sky light. His suggestion is to board across the aperture to form a false ceiling. John Ward concerned this would infringe Building Regulations and also increase the potential for condensation problems. Debbie Shephard also had concerns.</p> <p>OL&StN</p> <p>John Ward has a meeting arranged with our Insurance Surveyor who needs to undertake a re-evaluation.</p> <p>9. Safe Guarding Policy</p> <p>Vince reported that the Safe Guarding Policy had been reviewed and that Sandra and Annette were working together.</p> <p>There was little change to the Policy which would be issued to all members.</p> <p>10. Office Computer</p> <p>Thanks were recorded to Nick Bryant who had upgraded the office computer and software. Vince to write a formal letter of thanks.</p>	<p>TB</p> <p>VJ</p> <p>VJ</p>
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<p>11. Garden Fete</p> <p>Willing volunteers were required to organise the fete. Tony reported most people want the fete for both social and financial reasons. Tony and Debbie to convene a meeting with Vince and Andy to discuss</p> <p>12. Deanery/Diocesan Synod</p> <p>Lesly reported that there had been no item on the agenda other than Barry Hill talking about an update on 'Shaped by God'. His talk was upbeat for the future. All parishes asked to revisit Shaped by God at services on June 14th.</p> <p>Bert reported that Church Commissioners funding would be directed to ministry in deprived areas – this could have a detrimental effect on funding of richer Dioceses like Leicester. Training of ordinands will be paid for centrally – looking for a 50% increase in numbers being ordained and licensed to Lay Ministry.</p> <p>13. Any Other Business</p> <p>John reminded all that this Saturday was the Wanlip May Fayre and Tuesday would be Old Nicks Coffee Shop</p> <p>Vince was asked to write a letter of thanks to those who had retired from the PCC at the APCM</p> <p>14. Next Meeting</p> <p>21st July</p> <p>There being no other business Vince closed the meeting with the Grace.</p>	<p>TB/DS</p> <p>VJ</p>