

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting held in the Cottage

on Monday 16th November 2015 at 7.30pm

The vicar welcomed everybody to the meeting and held a prayer.

1. Present :-

David Hewlett (vicar)	Linda Hunter (churchwarden)	Gilbert Marshall (churchwarden)
Cliff Wright (Hon treasurer)	David Welsh	John McNamara
Jane Stephenson	Max Philbrick	Jennifer Wright
Richard Dixon	Monica Philbrick	John Bishop
David Preece		

Apologies for absence : Julie Robson, Elizabeth Robson.
Absent : Mike Stephenson.

2. Minutes :

The minutes of previous meeting held on 22nd September 2015 were accepted as a true record and so signed.

Matters arising from the minutes :

- Point raised by PCC member re point 5.4 : organ not being central to the Ministry of the Church – felt people may not like this. To be discussed again but minutes agreed as true record.
- Linda Hunter gave thanks for the support she has received on her Licensing day.

3. Worship, Ministry and Mission :

(1) Vicar's items

As per report by Rev David Hewlett.

Point 5 : PCC member raised difficulty experienced by other local organisations and Tax – Treasurer clarified that a decision will be made about how to divide the 2015 contributions. Monica Philbrick has a DVD created re child trafficking which will be played during a service.

Point 6 : Vicar clarified the group is to be about worship and trying to give as much opportunity to an eclectic group of people.

Point 9 : costs provided. Vicar confirmed Colin from the choir is aware. PCC member asked if the Catholic Church could contribute financially.

Point 10 : Monica Philbrick has been elected. Formal proposal : David Preece; 2nd : Linda Hunter 2nd and all members in favour.
Vicar gives thanks to Monica.

(2) Calendar

Vicar asks to be informed if any item is to be altered or added.
John Bishop gives apologies for errors in Parish News.

- (i) MAP – Mission Action Plan presented to PCC. Vicar asks members to view the columns and the review and clarified confusion raised about the 6 other days – that the congregation to talk of their 6 other days of the week and it is to be broad.

(3) Children and Youth Work

Report submitted by Louise Stubbs dated 8/11/15.

Linda Hunter added that messy church is growing and to be seen as a community – 45 families have registered since January 2015. Work will continue and contact to be maintained with the new Mother and children group held in the Cottage.
A donation of £200-00 has been received from the Methodist Church in addition to their equipment handed on.

- (i) Report of consultation : Linda Hunter presented report of Western Consultation evening she attended with Louise Stubbs and Monica Philbrick. It was agreed how useful the evening had been and how it will benefit Messy Church.

(4) Choir report

Report submitted by Colin Williams. PCC member raises if the setting has been approved. Vicar states an assumption has been made and a further consultation is required. Further discussion about the budget provided to the Choir.

PCC member encouraged by the links with the Middle School.

(5) Events

John Bishop gave a verbal report : finance figures provided. There is not as much going on as in previous years although thoughts are ongoing for 2016.

The treasurer asked if there is scope for some Christmas music event, as a fundraising event to target a different market eg. Folk.

Linda Hunter raised the issue of requiring a License to sell alcohol and presented research about it. Other churches to be consulted to see what they do and discussions to be ongoing.

(6) Corbridge 1st School

No report submitted. They are awaiting their next Ofsted inspection and are hoping for “good”.

(7) Catering

Report submitted by Carol Maskell. Vicar commented that this seemed to be working well.

(8) Deanery

(i) Synod report – as per submitted report/digest.

PCC Member commented that what stood out was the churches and disabled people section – makes it hard/stops person(s) from coming. Felt this would be good to follow up.

(ii) Deanery Day report – as per submitted report. Richard Dixon summarised.

(9) Village Activity Centre

Report submitted by Richard Dixon dated 11/11/15.

Discussion amongst PCC as to who it would be targeting and making connections. Richard explained there is one currently working in Haltwhistle and 1 starting to work in Hexham.

4. Safeguarding

This is to be kept on the agenda – registration forms given to PCC members need to be completed and the new training programme is coming out fairly soon which would be useful for members to attend if they have not already done so.

5 Finance, Fabric and Administration

5.1 Treasurer’s report

Report presented by Cliff Wright with additional graph. From the report – The Treasurer suggests :-

- To create 8 basic restricted funds which will need regular reviews and planning,.
- Proposed by Richard Dixon; 2nd by Gilbert Marshall, all in favour.

Discussion around the following points : organ renewal, Inland revenue and paperwork to be retained, policies.

5.2 Fundraising

Linda Hunter explained the plans for the opening of the Christmas Tree Festival. Discussion around who is to benefit from the funds raised – needs to be something for the community and something for Church. Suggestions to be made by members.

5.3 Church Wardens Report

Report submitted by the Church wardens and presented by Gilbert Marshall.
Vicar gives thanks to the wardens and there is discussion about the upkeep of the Church Grounds .

Further discussion about the options available to address the maintenance of the Church organ and its future. It was agreed that further information was required prior to any decision making.

5.4 Cottage

Nothing to report.

6. St. Oswald's Halton

Nothing to report. The vicar was asked about the progress of the burial plot application – he is not aware of any objections.

7. St. James Churchyard Newton

Nothing to report.

8. Correspondence

The vicar has received a request about the time of the Parish Communion Service being changed to be later – members asked to talk about this.

Dates of next meetings see below

Members asked to note the change of dates as follows :

	Standing committee	PCC
January 2016	Tues 12 th Jan at 2.00pm	Wed 3 rd February 7.30pm
March 2016	Tues 1 st March at 2.00pm	Thurs 17 th March 7.30pm
April 2016	: with APCM to be held on 24 th April after the 9.30am service.	