

# **Minutes of the Parochial Church Council Meeting held in the Cottage**

**on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm**

The Vicar David Hewlett welcomed everybody to the meeting and Rev. Julie Robson held a prayer.

## **1. Present :-**

Rev. David Hewlett	Linda Hunter (churchwarden)	Cliff Wright (Hon treasurer)
Michael Collins (churchwarden)	Rev. Julie Robson	Jennifer Hermann
David Preece	Max Philbrick	Monica Philbrick
Jane Stephenson (secretary)	Jennifer Wright	Michael Rae
Elizabeth Robson.		

**Apologies for absence : None.**

## **2. Minutes :**

The minutes of previous meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were accepted as a true record and so signed following a point raised that there were other details discussed re MAP that were not included.

## **Matters arising from the minutes :**

- Rev. Julie Robson informed the meeting that due to the success of the 2016 Easter Garden this will be repeated in March 2017 – David Preece is to provide assistance.

## **3. Worship, Ministry and Mission :**

### **(1) Vicar's items**

As per report by Rev David Hewlett dated January 2016.

In relation to item 1 the vicar commented on the success and compliments he has received for the Carol Service, Christmas 2016 and how good it was.

Item 2 – Gilbert's bequest is for the fabric fund.

Item 3 – The vicar is to remain as representative for continuity purposes for 1 meeting and hopes the PCC is happy with that.

Item 4 – Lent : points a-e : discussion around the length of speakers, timings for lunch and totals expected taking into consideration the accommodation/facilities available at the Cottage. Speakers for the Wednesday slots discussed and Sunday sermon slots to be limited to 2; Rev. Julie Robson and L. Hunter putting together the film evening and have opted to use “Jesus of Nazareth” with Robert Powell for the evening; Shrove Tuesday event is in hand;

The Vicar added the Julien Group is getting settled and gave numbers attending and when.

## **(2) MAP**

As per MAP – copies previously emailed to PCC members. All suggestions from previous meeting updated onto MAP.

Max & Monica Philbrick to look at having a focal area within Church for the purpose of missionary work – a discussion ensued around focal points and the future for prayer in the children’s area.

More will be added to MAP as the Julien group grows.

Proposal by Rev. Robson to accept MAP. 2<sup>nd</sup> by David Preece – all PCC members in favour and no abstentions.

A thought was added for the MAP to include the commitment to charities. The Vicar then gave thanks for all the work done on MAP and expresses his thoughts that it is a useful tool.

## **(3) Calendar**

As per circulated email. One event – Berwick Male voice choir has moved to 28<sup>th</sup> October.

## **(4) Young Church**

As per report submitted by Louise Stubbs.

## **(5) Messy Church**

Comments made re the last messy church having a good atmosphere and the feel within the Church being terrific, that the bible study has really taken off.

Forum books has agreed to provide discount on ordered books for the lending library.

## **(6) Choir**

As per report by Colin Williams titled January 2017.

Further talk of the success of the Choir at the Golden Lion Inn.

HLF : Alistair to attend at half past 8.

## **(7) Events and bookings**

As per report by Linda Hunter in relation to events and the Christmas Tree festival. Linda reports on her attendance at the Traders meeting the previous week.

## **(8) Corbridge 1<sup>st</sup> School**

As per report from Head-teacher Jennifer Ainsley.

The Caretakers post has been advertised.

## **(9) Deanery Synod**

Two Deanery Digests presented by Max Philbrick. Next meeting is 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and new Synod representatives are being sought.

## **4. Finance, Fabric and Administration**

### **(1) Treasurer's report**

Report dated January 2017 presented by Treasurer Cliff Wright, additional graphs handed around & explanation provided.

In relation to item 1 on the report the Vicar highlighted 1 Church within the Deanery will not be paying their entire Parish share.

Item 2 : The treasurer proposes to the PCC the separation of counting and depositing due to the need to review banking arrangements – that this will evolve and the starting point is to separate the activities.

Discussion followed amongst PCC members around security, changing banks within the village, the need to support local businesses.

Item 3 : The Treasurer explained the details of his comments in this section requests support from the PCC.

Discussion followed around the subject & the requirement for the increase.

Proposal by Linda Hunter – to increase the 2016 charitable grants above the previously agreed 10%. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Max Philbrick – all PCC members in favour & no abstentions.

Further discussion as to how this increased giving should be communicated.

Linda Hunter presented Parish Giving Scheme leaflet and proposes leaving this to 1 side until November 2017. Discussion followed about the scheme, the Treasurers graphs, C of E contact with HMRC for the future, contributions by the Diocese, benefits, financial snapshots, expenditure, advantages of looking at this now rather than November, measures.

## **(2) Charities**

Previously covered

## **(3) Fundraising**

Previously covered

Thanks offered to the Treasurer.

Alistair Jenkins attends the meeting and gives a presentation on the progress of the HLF (Heritage Lottery Fund) application.

The latest news is that the HLF regional Officer Zelda Baveystock is to attend the next meeting on 8/3/17. PEF submitted – points and questions raised. The next stage is for the full application which is to be more detailed.

The group are currently doing research as the outcome section is critical – the benefit has to be quantified and the application also has to show self-generated fund raising as a minimum of 5% although a lot more is expected. Alistair explained the process is very competitive – the aspect of the heritage is key but not just for music/schools – everything has to link back to heritage, the organ is not included in the heritage of the building.

Zelda has informed Alistair the application is not classed as a priority case and advised the focus must be kept on heritage – having given the advice Zelda has not said no & a discussion will ensue at the meeting (8/3/17) as to whether or not to submit a full application.

Questions were asked by PCC members including if Church finances will be revealed, current thoughts on future of the organ without the grant, success in smaller areas with less people benefitting.

Alistair explained the HLF may be a part-contributor and on 8/3/17 Zelda will tell the application to proceed or not – that she was impressed by engagement with the School and College but to remain focussed. A written report will be fed back after 8/3/17. Linda Hunter explained that the composition of the group was across the community not just within the Church.

The Vicar offered thanks to Alistair for his input and attendance at the meeting.

## **(4) Fabric Report**

As per Fabric Report dated January 2017 & presented by the Churchwarden. There was a proposal to go with the electrical quotation already sought – all members in agreement.

The security of the Church and cottage discussed and length of measures required to get it back on track – that plans may be more expensive but the planning is long term.

The Vicar gave thanks to the Church wardens.

## **(5) Cottage**

As per fabric report

## **5. Safeguarding**

There is an email to be circulated in relation to safeguarding training as organists and leaders are required to attend the training.

## **6. St.Oswald's Halton**

Quinquennial inspection – not yet looked at.

## **7. St. James Churchyard Newton**

There is a new family in the area of MOWDEN who are looking to join with ST.ANDREWS.

## **8. Correspondence**

None.

The subject of Christian Aid was raised by a PCC member : that is was becoming increasingly difficult and help required from PCC to recruit collectors. Ideas raised and further discussions to take place.

## **Dates of next meetings see below**

	<b>Standing committee</b>	<b>PCC</b>
March 2017	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March (7.30pm)	Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March
May 2017	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> May (7.30pm)	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May
July 2017	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July (7.30pm)	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> July

Closing prayer and Grace by the Vicar.