

The Parish of Corbridge St Andrew with Halton and Newton Hall
Minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 31st July 2018 at 7.30pm
In the Cottage

1. Opening prayer led by Mike Collins

2. **Present:**

Linda E Hunter (Chwdn, Chair)	Jennifer Herrman	Michael Rae
Cliff Wright	Edward Pybus	Kate Jenkins
Suzette Milne	Warwick Milne	Pauline Bennett
Mike Collins (Chwdn)		

Apologies: Monica Philbrick, Jennifer Wright, Max Philbrick, Carol Moffatt.

3. **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2018 accepted as a true record. Proposed: Kate Jenkins, Seconded: Suzette Milne. All agreed

Matters Arising:

Modifying existing candle holder: Michael reported that this was a slow task but he was persevering with it.

Data Protection: still some forms to be returned

4. **Reports**

PCC received the following reports:

Children and Messy Church: There was information omitted re the Midsummer night activities which took place in church and in the church grounds for children. Over 50 children participated over the event, but it was difficult to get enough helpers as a lot of the team were unavailable. Discussion took place re MC and the disparity between the collection and the numbers attending. LEH said that the MC team were reviewing MC at their next meeting and various topics would be discussed.

First School: This report was well received and Mike (as a governor) reported that the First School was now on an upward trend. Miss Aynsley was a very conscientious head teacher and well supported by her staff. There will soon be 4 spaces on the Governing body. PCC were asked to think about anyone who might be approached to be a governor.

Choir: This was a very positive report from Colin. Warwick corroborated the report, telling us that morale is good, particularly at the Black Bull after choir practice! We discussed the request of David Kennedy to have the Middle School choir at the Institution, lack of resources mean that Bethany is not able to train the choir. It was suggested that those children, who joined the church choir last year for a service, might be invited to join the institution choir.

Discussion took place re the Archer Eucharistic setting, the congregation are more accustomed to it, particularly since the sheet music was made available to them. There was a request for some more hymn books with the melody line for the congregation.

Piano: The new piano is in situ. The piano loaned from Robin and Mary Gray has gone to Minsteracres, there were some difficulties when it was moved. £1,250.00 donation has been received towards the piano and Pauline Bennett has offered to pay for the piano cover. In addition there will be some additional tax to pay as the trolley frame was sourced from the USA.

Organ: A paper re the organ was circulated. There was some discussion about the necessity to preserve the organ for future generations and our responsibility for the organ. As everyone had not had time to read the document properly it was agreed unanimously that the paper be part of the agenda of the October meeting when David Kennedy would be in post and would be able to give a steer to the project.

5. Update Information

1. The **parish calendar** - emailed out and new dates highlighted in red. **Events** discussed and in particular a Flower Festival for 2019. It was agreed that it would be a good idea to link it with the Midsummer evening when there would be a lot of people in the village. LEH will chat with Vivien Bolton from Stocksfield Flower Club as she would organise in conjunction with the church.
It is hoped to organise a wedding festival in Jan/Feb to promote 'all things connected with weddings' involving traders etc. A small team will be convened to set this going.
2. **Halton:** Edward reported that things were going smoothly and that Sarah Robinson and her small choir would be singing some parts of the September service. Suzette has been laundering the linen.
3. **Maintenance:** MR and MC reported on the projects completed:
 1. **Memorial Garden:** now that the extension is almost completed the older section now needs to be pointed and cleaned.
It was proposed by Michael Rae, seconded by Pauline Bennett (all agreed) That the existing memorial garden plinths should be cleaned and the paving slabs pointed. Cost approx. £1,800
 2. **External Painting:** Work on areas needing painting, previously agreed at PCC, will commence soon
 3. **North Transept Roof repairs:** will commence next week.
 4. **Quote for work on gas pipe:** Tynedale Boiler's quote for a replacement gas pipe from the boiler to the mains supply was received. It was proposed: Linda Hunter, Seconded: Michael Rae. All in favour that we have the work carried out. Cost £2, 369.00 +VAT
4. **Safeguarding:** The Safeguarding Team are meeting on 1st August. Further information and a full report will come to the September PCC Meeting
5. **Health and Safety:** Update to the September meeting

6. Vacancy Information:

1. **Institution:** MC reported on the meeting that he and LEH had had with David Kennedy. A small group to be set up to co-ordinate. LEH has managed to hire the Parish Hall for the evening for the refreshments. Heinni Herrman has agreed to co- ordinate the food. Invitations will be based on the previous invitation and will be sent to a broad spectrum of the community.
2. **Review of Service Rota** - update circulated. PCC agreed to cancel the Evening service on 5th August as no one available and LEH was involved with CMF.
4. **Praying through the Vacancy** – This will not be on during the holidays.

7. Finance

1. **Current Financial Position:** Information has been circulated and it is obvious that the current trajectory of a decline in income has not been alleviated. The bar chart was fairly self – explanatory.
2. LEH reported on the recently held **Diocesan consultation meeting**. PCC have the consultation document and if they have any comments to make, please make via Cliff.
3. LEH and Cliff had attended a meeting with Lieutenant General Robin Brims the **Deanery Treasurer**. This was an opportunity to give him facts re the financial status of the parish and to discuss our concerns re the budgeting process of the Diocese for the Parish Share.
4. **Charity Committee:** Charity committee to report to September PCC

Mission and Ministry:

1. **Pathways Mission** - Plans for weekend 6th – 9th September 2018 circulated. Corbridge involved with: Organ recital on Friday lunchtime, Faith Lunch and launch of the Saxon trail on the Saturday. The Rgt Rev John Packer (retired bishop) will preside and preach on Sunday 9th September. Choral Evensong will still take place although no one will attend from the Mission Team.

9. Correspondence.

Newton Churchyard: An faculty application had been received from Mr William Lunny for the reservation of 2 grave spaces in Newton Churchyard (south section) for Mrs Freda Lunny (plot 55) and Mr Robert Brewis (plot 56). LEH had updated the plan that she had received with the application. It was proposed by Suzette Milne and Seconded by Warwick Milne and all were in favour (10 present) that we approve the application. This application will need to go to Rev L Chapman to sign and then be sent back to Mr Lunny.

Roman Catholic Congregation: a letter was received from Father Warren terminating the agreement to use St. Andrew's for mass on a Saturday evening. The termination notice is in line with the co signed document of June 2002. PCC were saddened to hear this news. PCC asked LEH to inform David Kennedy and to speak with Father Warren to see whether a compromise may be agreed (After meeting note. LEH has spoken with DK, CW has been away since PCC meeting but LEH will speak with him on his return)

Jennifer Herrmann explained that Sheila Goldsworthy carries out a lot of work in church in her role as Head Flower Arranger. She suggested a letter of thanks be sent to her.

There being no other business Linda Hunter closed the meeting with a prayer and Grace

Meeting Dates 2018 - 2019	
All meetings at 7.30pm in the cottage	
Standing Committee	PCC
2018	
Tuesday 4 th September	Tuesday 18 th September
Tuesday 2 nd October	Tuesday 16 th October
Tuesday 6 th November	Tuesday 20 th November
Wednesday 5 th December	
2019	
Tuesday 8 th January	Tuesday 22 nd January
Tuesday 5 th February	Tuesday 26 th February
Tuesday 5 th March	Tuesday 26 th March
Tuesday 2 nd April	Tuesday 30 th April
AGM Sunday 7 th April after 9.30am service	
Tuesday 7 th May	