

MINUTES OF THE PCC MEETING HELD ON 6TH JUNE 2017 IN THE CHURCH VESTRY

PRESENT: Allison Rees, Barbara Baxendale, John Hobday, Margaret Wilcock, Kath Shipley, Lindsay Irwin, Sue Wilks, Marilyn Rowe

APOLOGIES: Paul Garrett, Sharon Martin

The Meeting opened with prayer and a welcome to the new members of the PCC.

The MINUTES of the Meeting of the 6th April 2017 were signed as a true record.

MATTERS ARISING

The BOOKMARKS for the PASTORAL VISITING GROUP to give to the people they visit have not yet been prepared.

The LEGACY POLICY has been amended and will be dealt with at another Meeting.

The COFFEE AND BISCUITS AFTERNOON which Kath Shipley said she will run will take place on Tuesday afternoons from 2pm during school term time. Everyone who comes to school to collect children is welcome and information about this is to be put on the Church website and Facebook page. It was also suggested that school could text parents about this.

The Church TOILET has now been TWINNED with a toilet block at a school in Pakistan.

The Diocese has been paid a further amount towards our PARISH SHARE.

It was agreed we should have a GIFT DAY later in the year but exactly when was not decided upon.

In response to the "THY KINGDOM COME" initiative the Church has been open for about two weeks in the daytime. In view of the bomb attack in Manchester it was opened earlier than planned and a short Service of Prayer and Reflection was also held on Friday morning, the 26th May, which was attended by around half a dozen people.

The WEBSITE for the Church has been launched.

It was decided that we would not have a presence at GREAT ECCLESTON SHOW this year. St. Peter's Church at Inskip had also decided not to attend and it is felt that it needs to be both Churches together and that further thought needs to go into planning this for next year.

The ROSE BED has now been cleared of weeds. Thanks were given to John for this.

FINANCIAL REPORT

A further amount has been paid to the Diocese towards our Parish Share making £10,500 to date. Kath asked if our Parish Share would reduce if numbers on the Electoral Roll fell and

Allison stated it would, that the Diocese are going to review our figures next year but that the system usually works three years in arrears.

John Wilcock is preparing the Gift Aid envelopes.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Secretary – one nomination had been received. Marilyn Rowe, proposed by Sue Wilks, seconded by Allison Rees. Elected unopposed.

Treasurer – one nomination had been received. Kath Shipley, proposed by Margaret Wilcock, seconded by Lindsay Irwin. Elected unopposed.

Vice Chairman – one nomination had been received. Paul Garrett, proposed by Marilyn Rowe, seconded by Margaret Wilcock. Elected unopposed.

Standing Committee. This comprises the Vicar, the Churchwardens (Paul Garrett and Allison Rees), the Treasurer (Kath Shipley), the Secretary (Marilyn Rowe) and also John Hobday and Anne Hardy. Anne has now left the PCC and Standing Committee. John agreed to continue and also Margaret Wilcock agreed to return to this Committee, proposed by Kath Shipley, seconded by Allison Rees. Sue Wilks and Lindsay Irwin also agreed to come onto this Committee both proposed by Allison Rees and seconded by John Hobday.

Fund Raising Committee. This comprises the two Churchwardens, Sharon Martin and Anne Hardy at present. Anne is willing to continue on this Committee along with the persons named above. Lindsay Irwin also agreed to be on the Committee, proposed by John Hobday, seconded by Kath Shipley.

School Liaison Committee. Kath Shipley, Sue Wilks and Lindsay Irwin all agreed to be on this committee, all proposed by John Hobday and seconded by Margaret Wilcock. Kath Robson also visits the school from time to time to assist with matters between the Church and School but on an 'unofficial' basis.

CONFIRMATION SERVICE

This service will take place on Wednesday, 21st June 2017 at 7pm. There are thirteen candidates - nine children and four adults, who have all attended the classes provided to prepare for this service and commitment. The Bishop of Lancaster, the Rt. Rev. Geoff Pearson, is looking forward to officiating at the service. The Area Deacon has been very helpful in offering any assistance possible. There will be refreshments served after this service with various people making cakes for the occasion and thanks are given to Irene Garth for the organisation of this. Church has purchased Youth Bibles and Bibles for the candidates and for one man who attends the evening services a Book of Common Prayer. There will be a special service sheet for the evening and a request for as many Sidesmen as possible to attend. The candidates' first Holy Communion service will take place on the following Sunday with Canon Herrick Daniel officiating. We are hopeful of holding more

Confirmation services possibly every couple of years although the next one may be held at St. Peter's Church as some of the thirteen current candidates come from Inskip.

CHURCHYARD

A second article regarding the possibly dangerous state of some of the gravestones is to be published in 'In Focus' this month. Three or four gravestones have been made safe. Some of the larger stones will need a stonemason to be laid flat on the ground. There is some money in the Reserve Churchyard account which may be enough to sort out the new part of the churchyard. Andrew, the gardener, has expressed concern about being able to mow the grass if gravestones are laid down.

SAFEGUARDING

Allison will continue as Safeguarding officer. The rules have changed this year and everyone on the PCC needs to do the Church of England Safeguarding course, Paul and Allison to Level 2 and everyone else to Level 1. This can be done via the Diocesan website.

"THY KINGDOM COME"

Thanks were given to everyone who came into Church, took leaflets and prayed for five friends. As previously stated, we are covered by the insurance company when the Church is unlocked in the daytime but a locked cupboard would be considered a good idea for any valuable items such as the altar covers. We could also put a bicycle chain around the lectern. Thanks were given to Sharon for opening and locking the Church during this time.

GREAT ECCLESTON SHOW

As mentioned previously we have decided not to have a tent at the Show. It is felt we need to be better organised than last year and time is now too short. Also the cost is £200 and we are not able to choose our position on the field. Barbara suggested contacting the Show Secretary to see if we could have a complimentary table. Allison said we would ask.

PASTORAL VISITING

Margaret stated that everyone on the list has been visited. We do not know of any other people who may require a visit. The bookmarks still need to be sorted out and Angie will provide a suitable prayer, Paul a photograph and Allison said she could laminate them.

THIS YEAR'S MEETINGS

The Meetings to take place in the Church vestry have been arranged as follows:

Tuesday 5th September 2017 at 6.30pm

Thursday 9th November 2017 at 7.30pm

Tuesday 23rd January 2018 at 6.30pm

Thursday 22nd March 2018 at 7.30pm

AGM - Sunday 22nd April 2018 at 12 noon

Tuesday 22nd May 2018 at 6.30pm

CORRESPONDENCE

The Churchwardens had received a legacy of £1,000 from the Estate of Brenda Cummings.

Allison had received an email from a gentleman who is moving to this area in the near future asking why the Church was not flying the St. George's flag from the tower and offering to purchase one if necessary. Allison emailed that at present the ladder system to the top of the tower was deemed unsafe to climb and she then received a reply thanking her for her prompt attention.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

CHURCH TOWER

Following the previous item there may be some repairs needed to ensure the safety of anyone climbing to the top of the tower. Checks may be needed on the ladders, platform and the condition of the pulley system for the bell. A couple of estimates should be obtained.

CHURCH AND SCHOOL FETE – Saturday 1st July 2017 - 12 noon – 3pm

A recent meeting between the School, Friends of Copp School and members of the PCC finalised details for the above event.

Members of the Church have been asked to supply alcoholic bottles, chocolates, toys, produce, plants and items for refreshments. Allison will sort out the Name the Teddy stall.

Volunteers will be needed for Tombola stalls, one for Church and one for School.

Kath and George Robson will sell the ice creams and Kath will liaise with Martin of Bonds regarding this.

An allergy notice will be needed where food is being served.

Church could hold a craft stall similar to Messy Church.

Empty tins are required for the Tin Can Alley game.

School will run the following stalls:

Hook a Duck, Splat the Rat, Face painting, Penalty shoot-out, Soak the teacher, a Treasure hunt and Guess the number of balloons in a tractor.

There will also be a barbecue and Pimms and beer will be served.

School will purchase prizes.

The bouncy castle will not use Church's power points.

If there is a problem on the day of the Fete two people should go to see either Mrs. Melvin or Mr. Harding.

One person from Church and one from School will be needed on the entrance.

No-one is allowed to park on the car park during the Fete. Someone is needed to speak to firstly Mr. & Mrs. Bloxham (who own the field) and then to Stephen Garth (who uses it for his animals) regarding the use of the field opposite for car parking on this day.

CAR PARK

Mrs. Melvin, the headteacher of the School, has stated a sign is to be placed on the car park to reserve a space for her to park. However, she is not entitled to do this as the car park belongs to the Church and not the School.

The date of the next Meeting is Tuesday, 5th September 2017 at 6.30 pm in the Church vestry.

The Meeting closed with The Grace at 9pm.

Signed

Date