

Minutes of PCC Meeting Friday 16th November 2012

Present:

Ray Murratt (chair), Rev Dave Gait, Clare Bedford, Andy Bedford, Marjorie Lewis, Jay Davies, Margaret Spencer, Dave Lorimer, Cindy Lorimer, Fred Marsh, Phil Scott, Barbara Murratt, Renee Harrison, Val Jenkins, Ian Lamb, Dave Mallon, Dorothy McManus.

1 Bible Reading & Prayer

Matthew 6:1-8

2 Apologies

Jean Pierce

3 Minutes of PCC Awayday on Saturday 8th September

The minutes were approved.

4 Matters arising

Item 4 – Dave thanked Renee for her years of service as Sacristan. Wardens and deputies have had a lesson in taking on duties.

Item 5 – Jean Kenwright has started as caretaker.

5 Finance Report

- Barbara presented a finance report (attached), which showed funds as at 16/11/12 of £35,214 and liabilities (bank loan) of £7,808 giving “net assets” of £27,406, including a £5,000 legacy from Doris Oliver.
- Mission giving was discussed: £500 (10%) of the £5000 Doris Oliver legacy should be allocated to mission funds and would help meet our targets – it was suggested £250 each be put to UCB and Acorn. The £20 per month currently given to Cell UK ends in December and this could be put towards a regular donation to Ercu in Turkey from the New Year. Marjorie proposed and seconded by Ian.

6 Fabric & Maintenance

- Ray issued a Fabric & Maintenance report (attached).
- Since the report was produced, the disabled parking space has been marked out, and the faulty taps and leak have been fixed in the kitchen, and toilet systems have been replaced in a number of the toilet units.
- Light fitting repairs are ongoing and will be complete this weekend.
- Val has priced up some new cookers, and identified a suitable model for £649, and suggests putting the old cooker for sale on eBay, or looking to resell back to the original supplier (Marjorie will chase up the old receipt). It was agreed that Val go ahead and order the cooker.
- Ian is still chasing up quotes for carpets and hopes to get one for the next Warden’s meeting. Marjorie will look up the invoice for the original carpet fitter to see if they can quote for the carpet repair, and Margaret offered to get an alternative quote (all to liaise through Ian).
- Ray issued a breakdown of the £12,000 quote for the new central heating system (attached). The existing system was put in 30 years ago – the boilers have been replaced recently and the bulk of the pipework is sound. We need some rearrangements to enable both boilers to be on at the same time (£1,970), and we need new pumps (£1,550). Pressurising the system will also bring improvements (and

stop it gurgling), which will cost £1,672. This first phase of works will cost £8,312, including VAT. The next phase will be repositioning of the blowers in the Centre Hall which will make them much more efficient (£2,480). The final phase will be to repair various leaks in the pipework (£360). It was agreed that Dave will talk to the congregation about the project.

- Ray presented some outline plans for an extension for East Widnes Team offices and a new prayer room (attached). It was agreed that architects plans should be drawn up – Val proposed, Jay seconded.

7 Topics for Discussion

7a: East Widnes Team

- Team Rector appointed and meeting wardens & treasurer on 17th December at 6pm

7b: Foodbank

- Clare Bedford issued an update report (attached).
- Ray raised the issue of insurance – Parish policy currently covers employer and public liability for the warehouse – need to look at cover for product liability.
- Need to include stock-taking on the list of responsibilities for the warehouse.

7c: Team Administrator

- Dave is reviewing Gill's workload and hours, as she is currently working more hours than planned.
- Need to look at baptism and wedding preparation and see if a rota of helpers can be drawn up.

7d: 50th Anniversary of the Church

- Anniversary Sunday will be Sunday 16th June and a party will be Wednesday 19th June.
- Need to pick up in the January PCC meeting.
- Looking for volunteers to make arrangements – please see Dave.

7e: Christians Against Poverty

- Clare has been interviewed to be a CAP centre manager (supporting the Foundry) and has been accepted.
- Given the Foodbank workload she is deferring starting on this until May.

8 Children & Youth

- No report

9 Deanery Synod

- Will report in January PCC.

10 Outreach & Growth

- No report.

11 Correspondence

- None.

12 Health & Safety / Food Hygiene

- No report.

13 Any Other Notified Business

- None.

14 Date of Next Meeting

January 11th 7pm.