

ST MARY'S CHURCH, WEST ACKLAM, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 11th January 2017 at 7.30pm in church

72 The meeting opened with prayers led by Rev. Norma Rao

73 Present: Rev Norma Rao (Chairperson) and 12 elected members
J Carr, B Livingstone, M Morrell, A Carr, G Dorman-Smith, D Dorman-Smith,
W Hirst, P Crane. N Crane, C Marchant .R Willis and J Lomas

74 Apologies: R Lowes and V Crooks.

75 The minutes of the meeting held on 9th November 2016 were accepted as a true record .
with the following amendments.63 spelling of alter wrong change to altar.
65 fourth line, add be, after changed to.
Proposed by Tony Carr and seconded by Norma Crane. Approved unanimously.

76 **Matters arising**

5,117, 095, 081, 072,25,41,58 Acklam Hall access path from church

Bob Willis had circulated three updates (copies in minutes book)

It was agreed by all present to accept Bob's proposals to leave the present licence in place unless a change in ownership at the hall took place. We have only received one quote from which was from Peter Skerry for path repairs. It was agreed that Bob would obtain another quote before we make a decision on path repairs. **Bob Willis**

33,41,58 Church Vestry safes

The Faculty public notice has been displayed for the required number of days so Bob will sent the certificate of publication to York for them to grant the faculty **Bob Willis**

62 Church Buildings

Lighting inside church: A meeting is to take place on 13th January with Nigel Young to discuss a date to start work. **Churchwardens**

Church roof: No further water dripping. Nigel Denton inspected and cleaned out the gutters.

Hall Letting fees: Jenny Lomas reported that increases have been agreed from January 2017 and will send full details to the secretary for circulation. **Jenny Lomas**

66 Deanery Conference

Jill Carr advised that more information would be made known at The Deanery Fellowship meeting on 31st January. A summary of the Deanery Conference had been circulated by the secretary to all PCC members together with an article on "Developing our Deaneries" from Andy Broom.

Cafe Church: A visit to St Cuthbert's Ormesby would be arranged by **Rev Norma Rao, Margaret Morrell & Wyn Hirst**

71 Any other business-Carol Singing

Margaret Morrell reported that she had arranged an afternoon visit to sing at Teesside Hospice on 6th December which was so well received that they had asked us to visit again in the summer.

Brian Livingstone advised he had sent out emails to Mike Crooks (re pantomime) John Walters and Hannah Grant (re resignations)

77 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Peter Crane had circulated the accounts for November and December prior to the meeting (copies in the Minutes book). He advised expenditure still under control and some increases as a result of the appeal to give more towards continual heating of the church. David Dorman-Smith advised of a small decrease in our benefits from Gift Aid

78 **CHILD PROTECTION / SAFEGUARDING REPORT**

Gillian Dorman-Smith advised York had at last arranged dates for training courses, The nearest one for us is at The Trinity Centre North Ormesby on 4th February she advised that David Dorman-Smith and herself will attend. Pastoral Visitors: Declaration forms for completion have been distributed and Gillian asked if the visitor's referees could be encouraged to respond quickly.

A Safeguarding surgery has been arranged by York for 26th January at The Trinity Centre, North Ormesby Entitled "Update & Practice" Gillian, Jenny Lomas, Tony & Jill Carr have booked to attend.

79 MISSION GROUP/PUBLICITY WORKING GROUP REPORT

The Vicar advised that the group had met to discuss notice boards/publicity.

They had suggested revising the content of the existing one with a clear message of welcome be designed for the wall facing the Church porch entrance. David Dorman-Smith will get examples of graphic designs and suitable wording

David Dorman-Smith.

It was also suggested to remove the book shelves at the back of church and replace them with notice boards to be used for obligatory notices, also. folders could be used to contain information such as from York (enews)

The group will look at the area available outside church to erect a sign but it has to be approved by Middlesbrough Council and then a faculty granted by York.

An Easter publicity sheet was discussed, agreed one side with a clear message and information regarding services on the reverse side. A suggestion to then ask the congregation to distribute to be investigated further.

80 CHURCH HALL LICENCE HOLDER

It was agreed to change the licence holder from Bob Willis to Rev. Norma Rao. The change has to be advised to Middlesbrough Council. **Bob Willis/Vicar**

81 PASTORAL GROUP REPORT

The group had met and the three visitors were given visiting cards by the Vicar. Visits had been arranged to some congregation members before Christmas. Vicar to put in writing a summary of the groups aims.
Vicar

82 YOUNG PEOPLE'S ACTIVITIES

Margaret Morrell advised that after the award to Mike Crooks and herself of "Community Champions" by the Evening Gazette she would like to use the publicity to hold a one off day in school half term on 22nd February from 10am until noon entitled "Half term mayhem" at the Church Hall. Mabel McGurk had agreed to attend to give out prizes and explain the background to her award of The British Empire Medal". Age range from school years 3 to 9 plus rainbows, brownies and scripture club members (Green Lane) Entrance charge £1 per child. Due to a limited number of youth leaders being available it was agreed to issue a flyer to ensure numbers are restricted. PCC members approved the event and hoped it would be successful
Margaret Morrell

Margaret also reported that the monthly Youth Group continues to flourish and their charity support for 2017 will be "Pathfinder Guide Dogs" for blind people. She asked if the congregation could help by collecting plastic milk bottle tops and used stamps.

83 FUND RAISING COMMITTEE REPORT

Jenny Lomas reported that the next event will be a Quiz and pie and pea supper on Friday 17th February in the Church Hall starting at 7.30 pm. tickets are now available, The next committee meeting will be on Wednesday 1st February 7.30 pm in the Church Hall committee room. **Brian Livingstone to advise members.**

Jenny also advised she will stand down as chair of the committee.

84 CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES REVIEW

The Christmas Tree Festival had once again been a brilliant success with 58 trees decorated, three excellent music performances on the Saturday and a well attended Carol service on the Sunday. Nearly £3000 raised over the weekend well supported by local businesses. Zoe's Place will benefit by a further £3000 with the HSBC bank doubling our contribution. However concern was expressed at the lack of personnel attending the weekend from Zoe's Place and as a result we may need to consider supporting another charity in future a decision to be made at March PCC meeting.

Advent lunches had been well supported in particular by outside of church people raising £1,032

The Christingle service was excellent with 270 people attending and the Carol service on 18th December was well supported, with lighting and candles giving it added atmosphere.

The other services had been average or below in attendance

85 LENT COURSES EASTER ARRANGEMENTS

The Vicar advised that the lent course will start on Wednesday evenings from 8th to 29th March
It was agreed that subject matter would be about The Church calendar and Lectionary.
Lent lunches will start on Wednesday 1st March for 6 weeks.
Ash Wednesday service on Wednesday 1st March

86 ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dementia Friendly Course 8th February

The Vicar hoped all PCC members would attend and the course is open to all members of the congregation.

Quiz/Pie & Pea supper 17th February

Next PCC meeting THURSDAY 9th March

Annual General Meeting on Sunday 30th April

The Vicar advised one service would be held at 10 am followed by the AGM.
It was then hoped for those interested to book lunch at Acklam Hall

87 Sub Committee meetings

Standing Committee 24th January

Publicity Group Meeting 25th January

88 Any other business

The Vicar advised she is now approved as a guide at York minster

Bob Willis reported that we are due a Quinquennial Inspection of the church this year.
All items from the previous inspection have been completed but the gutters are in poor condition.
We will have a new architect this time due to the retirement of Colin Silvester

York Minster new passes for 2017 now available from Brian Livingstone

Electoral Roll

It was agreed to remove the name of Jo Jemmeson

The Vicar closed the meeting with prayers at 9.20 pm