

ST MARY'S CHURCH, WEST ACKLAM, PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL
Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 14th September at 7.30pm in church

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

38 Present: Rev Norma Rao (Chairperson) and 10 elected members
J Carr, B Livingstone, M Morrell, A Carr, G Dorman-Smith, D Dorman-Smith,
W Hirst, P Crane. N Crane and C Marchant.

39 Apologies: R Lowes, J Lomas, B Willis, H Walters, J Walters and V Crooks.

40 The minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2016 were accepted as a true record .
Proposed by Tony Carr and seconded by Norma Crane. Approved unanimously.

41 **Matters arising**

5,115,25 Mission Action Planning Tool

The Vicar advised that further thought and planning is needed regarding ideas to bring children into church, and she hoped we could discuss at a future PCC meeting. **Vicar**

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

The Vicar reported we now have a key together with Acklam Hall for the door leading from our Churchyard to Acklam Hall. We are hoping to erect a sign outside the church entrance path stating "No entrance to Acklam Hall" as several people had tried to gain access via the churchyard. **Vicar**

Bob Willis had updated the committee on 27th July with details regarding the church external lighting. The Vicar also advised that work is starting this week on the boundary wall around the churchyard .

8,25 Mad Hatter's Tea Party; Margaret Morrell advised the party on 16th July in the church hall had been successful with 33 young people enjoying an afternoon making their own tea, painting/drawing & playing games. She thanked all Youth leaders who had helped with the event.

26 Baptisms ; The Vicar advised that Baptism parties are encouraged to give money and a church person helping on the day will be at the back of church with a collection plate as people leave church

28 Deanery service at The Macmillan College on 17th July. Jill Carr advised that the service had been well attended in particular by young people with an evangelical theme.

29 Green Lane school assemblies : Margaret Morrell reported she will attend a Green Lane Scripture Club on a weekly basis over lunch time, which will be led by two new "Youth for Christ" leaders hopefully with support from a youth leader from St Barnabas. **Margaret Morrell**

33 Church Vestry safes: The Vicar advised that before we can remove the three old safes we must have a faculty **Bob Willis**

35 Harvest Festival : The Vicar reported that due to prior arrangements the uniform groups cannot attend but will come to the 11 am service on Remembrance Sunday 13th November.

42 **FINANCIAL MATTERS**

Peter Crane had circulated the accounts for July & August prior to the meeting (copies in the Minutes book). He advised we are managing to hold our own despite falling numbers attending services. David Dorman-Smith advised a claim for gift aid will be submitted in the near future which should help our finances. **David Dorman-Smith**

43 **CHILD PROTECTION / SAFEGUARDING REPORT**

Gillian Dorman-Smith advised she had written an article in The Parish News to keep everyone updated. David Finan the York Diocese Safeguarding advisor has issued another bulletin with information and aims of the Diocese. Gillian confirmed that PCC members who missed the course on our "away day" and all Youth leaders will have to attend a course at CO and C1 levels she is waiting for details of when a course will be arranged. Everyone who was given a Safeguarding form at the "away day" should complete the form in conjunction with their group leader. Gillian advised that a new Safeguarding Policy will be issued along the same lines as our Child protection's policy. **Gillian Dorman-Smith**

She also reported that Sarah Harrison passed away in August and her family thanked all parishes for their support and asked them to continue with their prayers.

44 PASTORAL GROUP REPORT

The Vicar advised that the group has been formed and has started to visit those who are either ill or are not fit enough to come to church. In addition they have helped her with visiting families preparing to have their baby baptised and also seeing them after their child has been baptised

45 WAR GRAVES

Bob Willis had emailed the committee with details of two war graves (copy in minutes book) in our church yard.

The Vicar explained that we need to approve a request from the War Grave Commission to place a plaque at the entrance to our church yard to confirm there are war graves within. It was proposed by Margaret Morrell seconded by Wyn Hirst and agreed unanimously to position a plaque outside the church entrance.

Bob Willis

46 MISSION GROUP REPORT

The Vicar reported that the 11am Sunday service still needs a lot of work and clarification of its aims.

She suggested that members of the 9am service visit the 11 am service to see at first hand its needs.

The use of a projector and screen is important and the present one is old & unreliable. It was therefore proposed by Tony Carr seconded by David Dorman-Smith and approved unanimously to purchase a projector, speakers and a screen for about £380.

David Dorman-Smith

It was suggested that in future 5th Sunday services should be child friendly. The Parish Prayer Group continues to meet on the second Tuesday each month and The Vicar hoped more people would attend.

The Prayer Chain members are having an away day on 8th October to be led by our Vicar at The White Gables in Swainby It was proposed by Gillian Dorman-Smith seconded by Christine Marchant and agreed unanimously to give a donation of £100 to White Gables as they do not charge for the use of their facilities.

47 BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY REPORT

The Vicar advised that a meeting had been held to discuss the format of the service on 25th September to focus on the 9 am service. It was suggested that to help people returning to church the service would be made easy to follow with some parts said not sung. The Vicar had prepared an invite so that our congregation could hand them out to friends and neighbours and hoped that as a result we would see a larger congregation.

48 ANNOUNCEMENTS

25 th September	“Back to Church Sunday”
29 th September	Diocese Road Show at Holy Trinity North Ormesby
2 nd October	Church dedication Sunday
9 th October	Harvest Festival
30 th October	Fifth Sunday & Service of Commemoration of the Faithful Departed
6 th November	All Souls Day
9 th November	PCC Meeting
13 th November	Remembrance Sunday (Parade service at 11 am)

49 SUB COMMITTEE MEETINGS

5 th October	Fund Raising Committee
12 th October	Church Buildings Committee (new date due to holidays)
25 th October	Standing Committee (no meeting in September)

50 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Vicar advised she will be attending a conference in Derbyshire regarding “Leading Growth in Church” from September 19/22nd

Dementia- Singing for the brain at Acklam

The Vicar advised that a new group will start shortly meeting on a Tuesday afternoon in our Church Hall anyone interested in helping please contact the Vicar.

PCC meeting with Andy Bowden

The Vicar reported that she has managed to obtain some dates with Jo & Andy Bowden. Cleveland Archdeaconry Children & Youth Advisors who can talk to us regarding development of our youth ministry .It was agreed to hold a meeting on Wednesday 19th October 7.30 pm in church. The secretary to invite all PCC members to attend **Secretary**

Harvest Festival ; The Vicar advised that tinned gifts would be preferred as we are giving them to The Foodbank and she would put a list of preferences at the back of church.

Christmas Activities

Advent lunches would be held on Wednesdays 23rd, 30th November and 7th December

The Vicar is looking at ideas for an Advent course

Carol singing; It is hoped to try a different approach this year possibility one group singing during the day at a central venue. Any idea's please contact the Vicar

It is hoped that a Parish Christmas dinner will be arranged more details to follow

Christmas Services dates were advised by the Vicar.

Parish Publicity

The Vicar is hoping to form a group to design a new up to date leaflet in readiness for handing out at our Christmas activities

Deanery Conference on 3rd November at The Trinity Centre, North Ormesby

We have to nominate five representatives. It was agreed that the three Synod reps plus the Vicar should attend and the secretary to check if other PCC members could attend **Secretary**

Brian Livingstone advised he had received correspondence from York regarding the upcoming Diocese Road shows asking us to reply as a PCC to three questions (The Vicar will circulate them to PCC members) **Vicar**.

More background information will be given out at the road shows and distributed to PCC members **Secretary**.

Electoral Roll

It was agreed to remove the names of Leslie Dale and Ethel Wastell

The Vicar closed the meeting with prayers at 9.10 pm