



The Anglican Parishes of Whittington, Weeford and Hints

He has told you, what is good and what the Lord requires of you; to do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God

“Promoting in the Parish the whole mission of the Church”

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF ST GILES’ CHURCH, WHITTINGTON, HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21st NOVEMBER 2018 IN THE CHURCH HALL MEETING ROOM AT 7.45pm

1. PRAYER

Fr Jason opened the meeting with a brief time of prayer.

1.2 Declaration of Interest: no conflicts were declared.

2. THOSE IN ATTENDANCE/APOLOGIES

Present: Revd. Dr Jason Phillips, Sara Dyott, Richard Dyott, Cath Gibbs, Pamela Palmer, Jonathan Smith, Rowena Acher, Brian Kempthorne, David Clarke, Lesley Knighton, Russell Dickerson, Jane Booker and Jane Jones.

Apologies: Gillian Davis, Brenda Olson, Gill Hollis.

Gill Hollis, who has been an ex officio member of the PCC for 23 years, wishes to step down from attending meetings for the foreseeable future to focus on other work for the Church. The PCC recorded their thanks for Gill’s huge contribution to the PCC and asked the Secretary to write to convey this sentiment. Gill will of course retain her right to attend meetings in her ex officio capacity’

(Action: The Secretary will write to Gill advising her accordingly).

3. MINUTES OF THE PCC MEETING HELD ON 12th SEPTEMBER 2018

Subject to 1 amendment, the minutes were unanimously agreed, as proposed by Rowena Acher and seconded by Pamela Palmer.

4. MATTERS ARISING – NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE

Item 5.7. Megan Barr has clarified her willingness to co-ordinate a collection for a **bench in memory of Anne Colgrave** but felt it should be gifted by the whole parish, given Anne’s immense contribution to the parish. This was agreed by the PCC.

Megan will discuss with Richard how best to receive and keep the collection. It was accepted that the location of the bench is subject to negotiation within the churchyard.

Fr Jason will walk around with Megan to consider the siting.

(Action: Fr Jason to meet with Megan).

Item 5 MAP. Brian Kempthorne thanked all those involved in the “There but not there” commemorative concert. All agreed this had been a marvellous event.

Item 10. Richard reported that the mandate is now operative. The BT direct debit is almost operative and a further direct debit is being actioned for Fortress waste collection.

(Action: Richard Dyott to pursue accordingly).

5. WHIST

Cath considers it is time to rethink the church's involvement in the Whist club. Lesley has taken this up and is drawing together a list of volunteers. All interested are encouraged to let Cath or Lesley know. It would be particularly good to have church members involved in the setting up/tidying away on Thursday afternoons between 1.30 and 4pm.

(Action: All to consider).

6. PROPERTY FOR MISSION COMMITTEE

Fr Jason presented a paper outlining key considerations – a copy of which is on file. These focus on enabling high standard worship, creating a welcome and hospitable environment which is safe and meets legal requirements, maintaining the building in good order both now and in the future, encouraging commercial activity and enabling wide usage to sustain its future.

David Clarke had emailed a report, detailing proposals and updates – a copy of which is on file. This was considered in numerical order.

1. The Archdeacon has considered his proposals and feels they are fine – providing adequate access for wheelchairs and coffins. On a proposal by David Clarke, seconded by Jonathan Smith a majority vote decided to pursue Graham Lovell's quote and David will instruct him accordingly.

(Action: David Clarke to approach Graham Lovell and progress).

2. Car Park step handrails. Without a complete rebuild, no suitable revision meets all needs. However, it was considered advisable for a notice to be affixed, advising visitors to use the ramp if the steps are problematic or alternatively to periodically put notes in Sunday notices. On a proposal by David Clarke, seconded by Cath Gibbs and passed unanimously, it was felt that no further action should be taken. Russell also wondered whether a handrail along the full extent of the slope might be an option. The committee will consider further.

(Action: The PFMC will consider accordingly).

3. The PCC wished the work to level and turf to be carried out over the winter. On a proposal by Richard Dyott, seconded by Jonathan Smith, the PCC unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Messrs Bishop and Woodward clarifying with Megan Barr the design and requirements for fencing.

(Action: The PFMC will progress accordingly).

4. Improving church facilities. Architect Steven Matthews has been asked to draw up the 3 options suggested by the PFMC, varying in size, facilities and cost. A full and frank discussion ensued and it was agreed that full details of all options and costings will be displayed in church by the end of March 2019 for consideration by the worshipping congregation. There will also be proposals for improving the nave lighting.

(Action: The PFMC will progress accordingly).

5. Glass door from porch to church. This will open both inwards and outwards and was accepted as a desirable option – timing for installation dependent upon alterations as at 4. above.

(Action: The PFMC will consider when appropriate).

6. Churchyard fencing. Debate ensued including considerations as to whether a fence is necessary and if it should be funded from the legacy fund or general maintenance provisions. Whilst it was felt desirable to have delineation

between consecrated and un-consecrated land, it was accepted on a majority decision (as proposed by Lesley Knighton and seconded by Sara Dyott) that the fence be removed and the position assessed after a few months.

(Action: The PFMC will progress accordingly).

7. Labyrinth. Rowena mentioned that a collapsible, canvas labyrinth had been purchased for the barracks and it was wondered whether this might be a suitable alternative. Fr Jason will discuss with Padre Jason. It was also noted that, should the plan proceed in the suggested area, it would be necessary to approach 3 families to consider relocation of headstones to adjacent space.

(Action: Fr. Jason and the PFMC will progress accordingly).

8. Chancel steps handrail
9. Steps to churchyard at side of skip
10. Realigning/creating paths in new area
11. Addition of high level tile protectors
12. Churchyard and carpark colour scheme.

(Action: The PFMC will consider items 8-12 in due course).

On behalf of the PCC, Fr Jason thanked the PFMC and David in particular for all their hard work thus far. David has diligently expended considerable effort and received the gratitude of all present.

Fr Jason also mentioned the need to apply for a faculty for **3 benches** – 1 in memory of Anne Colgrave, a second in memory of Mr and Mrs Ritsperis and a third to replace the collapsing bench in memory of Bonnie Duffy.

The application to progress the faculty was proposed by Cath Gibbs, seconded by Lesley Knighton and passed unanimously.

(Action: Fr Jason will progress accordingly).

The **Pass family** wish to replace the memorial plate associated with the **flute**. This would probably involve dismantling and rehanging the display box.

The PCC unanimously approved this on a proposal by Russell Dickerson, seconded by Pamela Palmer.

(Action: The PFMC will progress in conjunction with the Pass family).

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Clair Kirk has written thanking everyone for their good wishes as she and Steve move to the Lake District. She expressed appreciation for the fellowship and support she had enjoyed over the years.

Liz Smith has written giving advance notice that she intends to step down as Safeguarding Officer following the APCM in April 2019 but is happy to provide assistance to a replacement.

Irene Jones has expressed concern that in her opinion the revised method of recording and accounting for money collected during services does not appear to be working satisfactorily. Lesley will discuss this further with Irene.

(Action: Lesley Knighton to discuss with Irene Jones).

8. OTHER BUSINESS

1. Joy Sharp is retiring as “Squirrel” for cubs. The PCC wished to record their appreciation for all she has done for the community and the lads in particular over the years.

(Action: The Secretary will write to Joy accordingly).

2. It was considered that the road closure for the Armistice Day memorial service had been most successful and should be borne in mind for future years. Jonathan Smith felt that the Parish Council would be in agreement although in 2019 it might be necessary to apply for road closure on both Sunday 10th and Monday 11th November.

(Action: Jonathan Smith will progress accordingly).

3. Sara mentioned that there has been a break-in at Church yard shed. Panels had been removed and 3 trimmers, 3 blowers and 2 cutting heads were stolen. The Police have been advised and attempts are being made to access the CCTV footage. It is hoped that the Insurance Company will cover the losses. Peter is repairing the shed and it was wondered whether steel plates might make the structure stronger. The PCC agreed that Sara Dyott organise and put in place appropriate steel plates.

9. NEXT MEETING

The next **PCC meeting** is on **Wednesday 16th January 2019** at 7.45pm in the church hall meeting room.

10 CONCLUSION

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.40 pm with the Grace