



## 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*

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

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF  
ST GILES’ CHURCH, WHITTINGTON,  
ON 16<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2019  
IN THE CHURCH HALL MEETING ROOM AT 7.45pm**

### **1. PRAYER**

Fr Jason opened the meeting with a brief time of prayer and a reminder of the mission of the Parish as part of the Diocese of Lichfield.

**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, Jonathan Smith, Brian Kempthorne, David Clarke, Russell Dickerson, Jane Booker, Brenda Olson, Gillian Davis and Jane Jones.

**Apologies:** Lesley Knighton, Pamela Palmer

### **3. MINUTES OF THE PCC MEETING HELD ON 21<sup>st</sup> NOVEMBER 2018**

The minutes of the previous meeting were unanimously agreed, as proposed by Cath Gibbs and seconded by Brenda Olson.

### **4. MATTERS ARISING – NOT COVERED ELSEWHERE**

**Item 4.** It has been agreed that, rather than having a bench in memory of **Anne Colgrave**, Sunbeams and the church community will make a donation for the girl in Bangladesh previously supported by them and Anne. A tree will also be planted to provide shade in the new garden area – again in Anne’s memory.

**Item 5.** 5 people have volunteered to assist with **Whist Club**. Thanks to Lesley and Cath for coordinating.

**Item 6. Property for Mission Committee.**

**Car park** – Graham Lovell has been instructed. Date tbc.

**Land to side of Church hall** - Sara will ask John Bishop to proceed and subsequently Terry Woodward whose quote of £600 is acceptable – although it may be preferable to opt for turf. She will also apply for various grants.

**(Action – Sara Dyott)**

**Reordering/survey**-drawings are in hand.

**Portable labyrinth** – this belongs to the RAF and is not at DMS Whittington.

Fr Jason will discuss further with Rowena.

**(Action – Revd. Jason/Rowena Acher)**

**Faculty for benches** – has been returned and all is acceptable.

**Pass family flute** – Much work is involved and the DAC are to consider. Thanks to David for his hard work to date on this faculty application and all other property and faculty matters.

### **Item 7. Correspondence**

**Safeguarding Coordinator** - All reminded to consider the vacancy. Jonathan will ask Liz to write an article for the magazine and liaise with Jane Booker for publication.

**(Action – All/ Jonathan/Liz/Jane Booker)**

**Recording of Collections** - Irene's concerns have been discussed and resolved.

**Beavers** – The Secretary will write to Joy once she has relinquished involvement.

**(Action –Jane Jones)**

(Otherwise, all letters have been acknowledged)

### **Item 8. Shed break-in**

It was agreed that the shed should be reinforced with steel before replacement items are purchased. Sara believes galvanised mesh at £70 per sheet would be the best option and was encouraged to pursue repair. **(Action – Sara)**

## **5. MISSION ACTION PLAN**

Fr Jason confirmed that he was refining the MAP, noting additionally the projected £5000 deficit highlighted by the Treasurer and that this was due largely to work on the tower and conductor to be taken from savings retained for building works.

Nevertheless, this resulted in a zero 'working' budget balance and the church needed to consider diverse ways of raising capital to sustain itself into the future.

PCC members were encouraged to reflect upon the 4 key focuses for Church Mission (the 4 Cs) as identified by Revd. Dr Sam Wells – i.e.: Congregation, Compassion, Culture and Commerce.

In small groups, members considered the various elements and suggested that there could be follow-ups to those attending the Sunbeams service, Christingle, Barn nativity and 9 lessons and carols, asking what might encourage more regular attendance, augmenting the **Congregation**.

**(Action – Lesley to be asked to consider approaches)**

Whilst it was felt that **Compassion** was evident in a variety of personal and Church initiatives, it was considered that a focussed PCC meeting could be convened to consider **Cultural** events to promote the Christian story. Also that more consideration should be given to **Commerce** -generating revenue from our own income and investments.

## **6. FINANCE**

Richard Dyott presented the draft accounts which show a decrease of approximately £2000 in income and an almost equivalent increase in expenditure, resulting in a projected deficit of roughly £5000. Weddings have increased but been less funerals have been conducted in the Parish. Giving was less over the year. Some of the Tax reclaim lagged the ending of the financial year too. The Parish Share has increased by £1840 for the calendar year 2019.

The Church hall revenue shows a slight deficit due to a spend of approximately £7000 on a variety of refurbishments. This account is however, healthy.

Richard advised that £1300 was to be drawn in respect of donations to charities in our agreed cycle of support.

Richard was thanked for all his hard work on maintaining and presenting the accounts. On a proposal by Richard Dyott, seconded by Russell Dickerson, the draft accounts were unanimously accepted.

## **7. FUNDRAISING**

- a) St Giles Day - item to be deferred until the next meeting.
- b) Church Fête – preparations are underway
- c) Quiz night – imminent and all in hand
- d) Skittles event – the alley has been inspected and is in order.

## **8. CHRISTMAS CARDS**

Thanks were expressed to Cath, her family and all who helped write and distribute. With Cath's impending move, David said he would be prepared to undertake this initiative for Christmas 2019 but only on the understanding that far more assistance would be forthcoming. Several members offered to write the cards and David will arrange an event for members to get together and do this jointly.

**(Action – David to arrange a group activity towards the middle of November)**

It was wondered whether cards could be included with the December parish magazines for those distributors to deliver – possibly augmenting their routes to include other houses along the route, thus covering the village more widely.

## **9. REPORTS**

- a) Electoral Roll – a full revision is due before this year's APCM. Mention will be made in the magazine/pew sheets.
- b) Churches Together – no meeting since the previous PCC meeting.
- c) Deanery Synod - no meeting since the previous PCC meeting.

## **10. SAFEGUARDING**

Fr Jason reiterated the need to identify a coordinator. See item 4 above.

He also reminded members that training must be undertaken and certificates shown to him for confirmation and subsequent information to the coordinator.

## **11. CORRESPONDENCE**

a) Liz Hollis has written to thank the PCC for their support during her training and to advise of her ordination on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 and curacy thereafter in the villages of Belmont and Pitlington, outside Durham. She mentioned that, as part of her studies, she has the opportunity to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in June and wondered whether the PCC might be able to assist either financially or prayerfully.

On a proposal by Russell Dickerson, seconded by David Clarke and passed unanimously, it was agreed that a donation of £400 should be given to Liz to help with the cost and by way of a gift for her ordination.

- b) Little Troopers - thanked the PCC for the donation of £250.
- c) Combat Stress - thanked PCC for a donation of £400 from sums recently collected.

## **12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next **PCC meeting** is on **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2019** at 7.45pm in the church hall meeting room. The **APCM** is on **Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019** in the church **at 7.30pm**.

## **13. CONCLUSION**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 pm with the Grace