

BIRSTALL & WANLIP PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on 24 January 2014 at 7.30pm at Wanlip

Present: Mrs Janet Waters (Chair), Revd Vince Jupp, Mr John Ward, Mr Tony Bloxam, Mr Alan Lewin (treasurer), Mr Bert Tegg, Mrs Marion Tegg, Mr Alastair McHugh, Mrs Beryl McHugh, Mrs Julie Ward, Miss Sandra Robinson, Mrs Lesley Walton, Mrs Gill Pope, Mrs Nicola Wills, Mr Peter Grange, Mrs Elaine White.

In attendance: Mrs Sandra Mumford

Apologies: Mrs Mary Bruce, Mrs Rose Parrott, Mrs Rita Richard

The meeting opened with a prayer and bible reading.

1. **Minutes of meeting held on 13 November 2013**

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record of the proceedings. After a short discussion it was decided that, in accordance with Minute 8 (website update) of the PCC meeting held on 25 January 2012, the minutes should be put on to the website with the exclusion of Minute 8(iv).

2. **Matters arising**

Revd Jupp reported that he and Annette Marshall will be giving a presentation on safeguarding children on 20 February at 7.30pm at St James' church, for the benefit of PCC members and anyone else who may be interested.

3. **Mission and Evangelism**

(i) Revd Jupp read a passage from _____ which he felt was appropriate to the discussions. He said discussions are taking place with a view to changing the way parishes think and operate. We are being asked to take risks and to move out of our comfort zone.

(ii) Community support worker/Bid group: Janet Waters read from a letter she had received from the Growth committee explaining why the bid needs to be re-thought and re-submitted. The committee were encouraged by the application but raised questions relating to the community worker. The Bid Group will meet again in February. It was agreed there was a need to communicate with the congregation to ensure they are kept up-to-date. Mrs Waters will put something into the information sheet. There is a move towards "Fresh Expression" and Revd Jupp explained the thinking behind this to the members.

(iii) Wanlip Café: Mrs Julie Ward informed the members of the intention to start a coffee afternoon at Wanlip, to be held on the third Tuesday of the month. After discussion it was agreed that the morning may be a more appropriate time and Mrs Ward agreed to hold the first one on the morning of Tuesday, 18 March.

(iv) All Together service at Wanlip: Revd Jupp informed the members of the intention to hold an All Together service at Wanlip on the second Sunday of the month, which would follow the format of the one held at St James on the previous Sunday.

(v) Mission Partnership: Two meetings scheduled, as below:

23 January Partnership Missional Church presentation at Syston church 8[m

5 February Mustering Graciousness at St James church, Birstall, 7.30pm

The PCC were encouraged to attend both these meetings, if possible.

4. Finance

(i) The treasurer had produced a report for the PCC showing the current situation and a 5-year budget forecast. A legacy of £10k and the proceeds from the sale of the Reading Room will take away the deficit for this year. Planned giving is not likely to increase significantly and building costs, which include the hall and honoraria, are up by 2%. The deficit at the end of five years is likely to be either £64,648 or £106,280 depending upon the parish gift.

He concluded that the sale of the house in Walker Road is now essential and he proposed the release of the ring-fence of funds from the sale into general funds. The proposal was seconded by Mr John Ward and carried unanimously.

(ii) Parish gift: Revd Jupp said that the consequences of the new parish gifts system are now apparent and will continue to be so. The Finance and Standing Committee had met with the Archdeacon recently and, subsequently, the F&S committee had agreed a figure of £54k, an increase of £8k, should now be offered. Revd Jupp therefore proposed that the parish gift should be increased to £54k. This was seconded by Mr Alastair McHugh, with the result as follows: For 10, Against 4, with 1 abstention. The proposal was, therefore, carried.

Revd Jupp will write to the Archdeacon with the decision and the matter will be put on to the agenda for the next PCC meeting to decide the parish gift for next year.

(iii) Salary increases: A list of proposed salary increases for the church secretary, vergers and service organists and pianists, and a flat fee for weddings and funerals was circulated. Tony Bloxam proposed that this be accepted, seconded by Gill Pope and carried unanimously.

(iv) Organ overhaul: Mr Bloxam reported that he had spoken with Andy White, organist, regarding his request for an overhaul of the organ at St James, for which he had been quoted £5k. Mr White said it was not a high priority but it was desirable as preventive maintenance. It was agreed to let the matter lie for the moment but it will be borne in mind for the future.

(v) New treasurer: Revd Jupp said he was having discussions with someone who may be prepared to take on the day-to-day management of the finances and they will meet with Mr Lewin to discuss.

5. Reports in brief

- (i) Social Committee: (Sandra Robinson) The committee had met recently to discuss ideas and dates for 2014. A Social events diary will be produced in the near future. The question of obtaining a card for a local wholesaler was discussed and Revd Jupp said he would obtain one.
- (ii) Hospitality: (Lesley Walton) The kitchen is now up and running. A light lunch has been planned for 1 February in aid of charity and, if this is successful, it is hoped more will be planned in the future.
- (iii) Music and Worship: (Beryl McHugh). No meeting since last PCC.

6. Buildings

Birstall: (Tony Bloxam) Nothing to report.

Wanlip: (John Ward)

John reported that the cleaning of the choir vestry recently had revealed 100 copies of Hymns Ancient and Modern and also choir copies of the same. He sought the agreement of the PCC to dispose of them and it was agreed that one copy of each should be retained for historical purposes and the rest can be disposed of.

7. Rector's items

- (i) Cathy Powell, Reader in training with Revd David White, will be coming from February to May. She will be mentored by Bert Tegg, Peter Chester and Lesley Walton as part of her training. Revd Jupp will meet with her once a month to give her general support.
- (ii) Ann Crosby, curate for 2014, will be ordained on 29 June 2014.

7. Deanery (Bert Tegg)

No meeting since last PCC.

8. Churches Together

The minutes of the last meeting were circulated. The Lent course has been organised by Revd Stephen Crofts and will take place on five Tuesday evenings during Lent, commencing on 11th March, to be open to all. The recently formed House Groups of the Methodist Church have decided to continue with their own plans and so will not be taking part. Volunteers are required to open and close the meetings each week.

It was also agreed that circumstances in the churches who had signed the covenant in 1997 have changed and it is difficult to support the services planned to be held together. It was agreed that, with the exception of the Good Friday Walk of Witness, there should be a pause in such services but another meeting has been arranged later in the year to discuss the matter further.

Beryl McHugh outlined the plans for Holy Week. It is proposed to hold meetings each evening, entitled "Walking with Jesus" and on Maundy Thursday it is proposed that a simple supper can be held in the church, followed by the foot-washing and Eucharist service. The house groups will be asked to contribute food for the meal.

8. **Correspondence**

None

9. **Any other business**

10. **Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 12 March, 2014 at St James' church.

The meeting ended with The Grace

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2014
12 March (St James)

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25 February

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