

Minutes of the Parochial Church Council meeting held in St. Anne's Church Turton on Tuesday 8th December 2020 commencing at 7.30p.m.

Chair: Rev. Canon P. Reiss (Team Rector).

Secretary: Mr. R. M. Heron.

Welcome and opening prayer.

Present: Mrs. N. Barlow (C/Warden), Mr. H. Campbell (C/Warden), Mr. S. Hobson (C/Warden Emeritus), Mr. R. Battersby (Treasurer), Mr. D. Bonser (Gift Aid Sec.) Mrs. B. Arundel, Mrs. S. Glancy, Mrs. B. Kenny, Mrs. P. Kirk, Mr. A. Mather, Mr. G. Minshull, Mrs. K. Smith, Mrs. L. Westhead.

1. Apologies: Rev. M. Bulcock, Mrs. K. Bulcock, Mrs. M. Forster, Mrs. J. Allsop, Mrs. M. Topham, Mrs. S. Wilson.

2. Declarations of any conflicts of interest. None declared.

3. Minutes of the meetings of August 26th 2020 and 25th October 2020 and matters arising.

3.1 Meeting on 26th August.

Amendment - The Chairman pointed out his correction to the minute concerning retirement of the Treasurer.

- (a) Mr. G. Minshull asked if the PAT testing contribution promised by AJ's had been paid> The Treasurer said it had not. T/Rector said there is need to look at future charges for AJ's.

The minutes approved following proposal by Mrs. B. Kenny, seconded by Mrs. P. Kirk.

3.2 Meeting on 25th October.

- (a) Standing Committee composition –originally questioned at the meeting on 25th Oct.

A short discussion took place regarding this item. It was resolved that the Committee should be made up of the Team Rector, the two Churchwardens, the C/Warden Emeritus the Treasurer and the PCC Secretary. However, the Chairman said that a representative from St. James' Church should be included and it was resolved that a person would be selected.

- (b) Replacement of the PCC Treasurer, the Safeguarding Officer and additional Team Council representatives.

The T/Rector emphasised the urgency of finding people to take up these posts after the next APCM scheduled for 25th April 2021.

3 representatives for the Team Council were also said to be required to join the two existing ones, Mrs. L. Westhead and Mr. A. Mather who agreed to continue. Mr G Minshull offered to stand and was appointed.

The minutes were approved following proposal by Mrs. B. Arundel, & seconded by Mrs. S. Glancy.

4. Team Rector's Report. (Attached and distributed to members prior to the meeting).

5. Mission and Ministry.

5.1 Advent and Christmas. The Team Rector reported that already there had been some good events in the run up to Christmas with Stir-up Sunday on Zoom despite the Covid restrictions, and the Christingle had also gone well at St James'. These events involved a lot of children associated with the churches and were well received.

Edgworth Celebration. A late afternoon programme of Christmas music Involving both Turton churches, the Methodist Church, The Barlow and Edgworth Cricket Club on 20th December, was announced. There is also a possibility it may be streamed to a wider audience.

Midnight Communion will be at St. Anne's on the 24th December and the Christmas Day Service is to be at St. James'.

A Communion Service is to be arranged at St. Anne's on Jan. 27th if clergy are available.

5.2 Christmas Tree. In view of the Covid virus restrictions and the fact that there would not be the usual full programme of Services at St. Anne's, it was decided not to purchase the large Christmas tree usually erected in the church. An online option for remembering loved-ones had been set up on the Team Web-site by Nikki

5.3 WhatsApp group. Mrs. B. Kenny said one had been set up by the Children's Church at St. James' and was helping organisation and communication.

4.2 Reorganisation of the Deaneries. The Team Rector reported that there was to be a Diocesan meeting in the Bolton area to discuss these changes on 27th January 2021.

6. Finance.

6.1 Statement of Accounts.

Current A/c Bank balance at 30/11/2020 - £17,181.56 (Does not take into account £8,000 paid recently on account of Parish Share).

CCLA Church of England deposit funds at 30/09/2020 – £132,848.91

Deposit account balance at 30/11/2020 - £3,960.42

St. James' Refurbishment Fund at 30/11/2020 - £4,238.39

St. Anne's Churchyard account at 30/11/2020 - £13,674.10 (including Lottery Grant of £9,450 received on 20/11/2020).

Parish Share account for 2020 – Total due £44,000 Payments and Gift Aid Lite £38,227.96
Balance remaining £5, 772.04 i.e. 86.8% paid

6.2 Payment of the Parish Share for 2020.

The Treasurer said that if no substantial expenditure occurred before the end of the year it would be possible to pay this sum of £44,000 in full.

Following proposal by Mrs. S. Glancy seconded by Mr. G. Minshull, a subsequent vote resulted in unanimous agreement that the full amount is paid on time.

6.3 Amount taken from reserves over past 5 years.

Mrs. P. Kirk expressed concern about the levels of reserves that had been used in the previous five years in order to meet Parish Share as well as other expenses. She estimated this was nearly £100,000. A brief discussion confirmed the need for careful administration of the finances in 2021.

The Team Rector thanked all who had been involved in financial governance during this difficult year, and noted that this would be the first year when the parish had not had to dip into reserves to meet its obligations.

7. Fabric Report. (Attached and distributed to members prior to the meeting).

7.1 Mr. S. Hobson explained the details involved with some of the items.

- (i) Memorial Garden Access. Grant of £9,450 obtained which is community related i.e. to improve the health and well-being of the older local population. Initial preparation in progress.
- (ii) Allotments. Work will be starting before Christmas to clear the proposed areas. Local people owning garages to be informed about the project. 21 applications were received for these 8ft x 4ft allotments when they were initially made known to the locals.
- (iii) Replacement of the lawnmowers which are not self-propelled.
Mr. E. Williams had bought a self-propelled mower himself and allowed use for the team. **Proposal to reimburse him for the cost was approved by the meeting.** (Approx £300)
The grant allows for a ride-on mower is to be purchased to cut the largest areas of grass at a cost of up to £2,000. Shipping is container to be reorganised to allow storage of this machine.

Mrs. K. Smith asked for the tables to remain in the container if possible to avoid damp conditions if housed in a shed causing deterioration

- (iv) Church Clock. Bell clapper arm requiring replacement Cost- £648 inc.VAT.

This was approved by the meeting.

Repair to the timing mechanism to ensure uniformity of all 3 faces was considered by Mr. Hobson to be too expensive for the eventual benefit (£4,827 +VAT). PCC agreed.

- (v) Heating boiler. Essential repairs recently carried out. A very old piece of equipment for which it is now difficult to obtain spares. Circuit board is totally out of date. Boiler is now considered unreliable but very expensive to replace.
New boiler cost estimate from contractor – £40,000 - £50,000.

7.2 Health and Safety issues. None were reported.

8. Any other Business.

8.1 Gift to Mr. S. Maguire.

Mrs. B. Arundel asked if anything was being done to arrange a present for Simon Maguire who retired at the APCM in October following his tenure as Churchwarden over a period of four years. The Team Rector said that a tribute to Mr. Maguire was being arranged and would take place in the New Year.

The meeting closed with a prayer at 9.30 p.m.

Date of next meeting – To be confirmed.

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