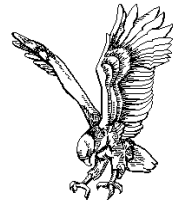


Parish of St. John the Divine – Rastrick



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Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 15th June 2011

Present:

Rev. Matthew Pollard (Chairman)	Roger Ellis	David Marshall
Rev Stephen Hannam	Christine Whitaker	Hilary McCarthy
Christine James (minutes)	Jane Foley	Dianne Bates
Richard Mason	Trevor Lewis	Barbara Rukin
Simon Day		

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1 Opening Prayer

Rev. Matthew Pollard led the meeting in Evening Prayer – Ordinary Time including a reading from Luke 9: vs 9-50 read by Barbara Rukin. Prayers were said for Raymond Raine who is in hospital and also his family.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Glenys Kendall and Graham Readshaw.

Minutes of the 18th May Meeting

3 Rev Matthew Pollard proposed that the minutes were accepted. There were no objections. Matthew Pollard signed the minutes, which can now be published.

4 Matters Arising from the above

Faith Watch. Jane Foley reported on a meeting with Stephen Holdness, the Crime Prevention Officer. The buildings were inspected and he made suggestions to be considered. These included extra signage, referring to ‘smart water’ and Faith Watch, padlocking the fire-door when not in use, (fire officers’ are OK about this), a steel plate on the main door of the Hall, the refuse bin needs anchoring and moving as it could be used to climb on the building. Down-pipes need coating with anti-climb paint, any lead needs coating with bitumen paint and ‘day glow’ used where appropriate. A fence from the Church to the wall (entrance on Gooder Lane) could be considered along with gates to the car park. A wireless alarm (via a house phone) for the Hall to a key holder is an option. We need to be aware that the lightening conductor is copper. Rev Matthew Pollard thanked Jane and said we need to be realistic and bear these suggestions in mind. Barbara Rukin will liase with HIC and make them aware of these crime prevention suggestions.

5 Photocopier

An email from Graham Readshaw suggested that as far as he was aware the only problem with the photocopier was the toner, of which he has ordered a replacement.

6 Accord Singers

Hilary McCarthy reported that she had received an email confirming the date of the Accord singers’ concert on Sunday 18th December. They only require a donation towards the cost of music hire. Church will be responsible for the

publicity of the event.

7 Correspondence

Pig Race 7th July – Leeds Met. This is a community group event that Julia Tum is involved with, in which we could raise money for Church Funds. Graham Readshaw is hoping to assist and could arrange collection of the 'pigs and the track.' More people are required to help. It was felt that this event needs more co-ordination. Matthew will liaise with Julia for more details regarding times and numbers of people required before a decision is made.

Request for use of Car Park – Cherry Fancourt (M U) The Wakefield Diocesan Mothers Union are to hold their Autumn council meeting at Brighthouse Town Hall on Tuesday 18th October from 10.00am – 15.00pm. Cherry requested the use of St John's car park during the event. The PCC agreed to this request.

Posh Tea. – Cherry Fancourt (M U). Request for PCC approval of the afternoon tea to be arranged by the Mothers' Union on 10th September. PCC approval granted.

Church Housing Trust – Letter requesting donations for the homeless. Matthew will pass this to Missions and Charities for their consideration.

Independent Examiner's Management Letter re Annual Report and Financial Statements 2010. This report received from David Knox the Independent Examiner for attention of the PCC.

8 Growing Together in Rastrick

Barbara Rukin reported on the meeting she attended on 19th May. After discussions, it was felt that the format of Celebrating Rastrick had 'run its course' and that something different should be tried in the future, perhaps Party in the Park. Feedback from the Lent groups suggested that the material had not been as good as usual although approx 70 people attended. Reflections held during Lent had been moving and transforming and the stations around St John's had been helpful. New Road Sunday School is officially changing its name to New Road Independent Family Church. The Pentecostal church now had 20 –30 people attending. The people from Huddersfield who had helped set up the Church were now withdrawing. The Church in Field Lane was running well. Matthew thanked Barbara for her report.

9 Deanery Synod

Barbara reported on the meeting held on the 18th May, which was the first meeting of the new Triennial. The PCC had sight of the response to the Dioceses commission proposals for the Yorkshire Diocese. Matthew explained the proposals to dissolve the three existing diocese of Wakefield, Bradford, Ripon and Leeds to create a single large diocese of Wakefield with five new areas each with their own Bishop. Calderdale and Kirklees would have their own Bishop. A draft scheme will be drawn up during the Summer and would then be sent to relevant Diocesan Synods for consideration.

10 Finance

Matthew reported that the examined accounts will formally be presented to the Parish on Sunday 26th June. This will be a 'Special Parochial Meeting' and has been incorrectly referred to previously as an 'Extra Ordinary' meeting. Problems have been addressed and now signed off. The accounts have not been substantially altered as a result of the Independent Examination. Sets of accounts will be available on Sunday. Richard Mason gave details of the Church accounts, reporting a deficit in May of £523. Events have raised £2,000 with more events planned. There is a surplus of

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11	<p>Organ Fund</p> <p>Matthew said he had received the second quote required for the organ repairs. This estimate for £3,600 (Including VAT) is from John Carter, a local organ builder. Matthew, Richard and Pam Dimelby will compare this estimate with that given by Andrew Clough. As the Organ Fund money would cover this, it was discussed whether a grant should still be applied for and use to money already in the fund for other organ costs.</p>	MP/R M
12	<p>Extra Ordinary Parish Meeting</p> <p>This has been discussed in item 10</p>	
13	<p>Fund raising/ Reports from sub- committees</p> <p><i>Beer Festival.</i> Roger reported that it is progressing well and asked for £200 starter fund to cover set-up costs. The PCC unanimously agreed.</p> <p><i>Marketing the Church Hall.</i> Nothing to report</p> <p><i>Bacon Butties.</i> A suggestion that this should become a regular event, organised on a rota by different Church organisations was unanimously thought to be a good idea. Barbara will lease with Oriel Kelly.</p>	
14	<p>Co-Ordination of Events</p> <p>Roger Ellis felt that, as there are now more fund raising events people need to be more aware when arranging dates so that events do not clash.</p>	
15	<p>Electoral Roll</p> <p>No Changes</p>	
16	<p>Health and safety.</p> <p>Barbara has contacted Laurence who is hoping to do a 'walk through' in July. Barbara and Simon Day agreed to assist Laurence.</p> <p>A broken window in the Ladies toilet has been fitted wrongly. Robert Beaumont is to contact the installer and Roger Ellis will follow this up.</p>	BR,SD RE
17	<p>Core Group</p> <p>House Groups are up and running. Away day at Heatherwood Saturday 18th June.</p>	
18	<p>Child Protection Policy</p> <p>The updated draft child protection policy had been circulated to members for their perusal before the meeting. Christine James proposed that this policy should be adopted as the Parish policy; this was seconded by Jane Foley and passed unanimously. The amended Code of Good Practice was also</p>	

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given out to members and will be circulated to all those involved with Child Protection.

19 Hall Booking

July Hall bookings have been circulated. Roger informed the meeting that contract cleaners' will clean the Hall when Tina is ill or on holiday.

19a Dates for diary/fundraising

18th June Away Day – Heatherwood
8th July St. John's Voices Concert
16th July Prayer Breakfast – St Matthew's
10th Sept Afternoon Tea (Mothers' Union)
20/27th Sept, 4/11 October – Harvest Lunches
30th Sept/1st Oct – Beer Festival
2nd Oct Churches Together, Harvest Festival
15th Oct Prayer Breakfast – Upper Edge
12th Nov Art Exhibition
19th Nov Table Top Sale
1st Dec Christmas Lunch
Beginning 5th December – Pantomime
17th Dec Carol Singing
18th Dec Accord Singers Concert

20 Any other business

The path at the side of the Church was discussed as the Bell Ringers use this entrance. The previous decision not to replace the path was upheld. Roger will speak to the Bell ringers'. The copingstones on the wall were to have been replaced when the path was reinstated but will now be done separately.

21 Date and time of next meeting

The next PCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 20th July in the Sturrock room at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.45pm with the Grace

Christine James
PCC Secretary