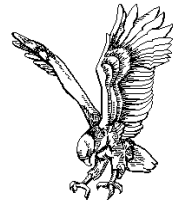


# Parish of St. John the Divine – Rastrick



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## Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 16 March 2011

### Present:

Rev. Matthew Pollard (Chairman)	Roger Ellis	Pat Lee
Richard Mason	Christine Whitaker	Hilary McCarthy
Christine James (minutes)	Simon Day	Barbara Rukin
Graham Readshaw	Soo Sykes	

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### Action

- 1 **Opening Prayer**  
Rev. Matthew Pollard led the meeting in Evening Prayer including a reading from Galatians 4: 21 – 5: 1 read by Simon Day.
- 2 **Apologies for Absence**  
Apologies were received from Dianne Bates, Stephen Hannam, Glenys Kendall and Cherry Fancourt
- 3 **Minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2011 Meeting**  
Matthew Pollard proposed that the minutes were accepted. These were approved with 1 abstention from a member not present at the February meeting. Rev. Matthew Pollard signed the Minutes. The minutes can be published with amendments.
- 4 **Matters Arising**  
Regarding the drains, Matthew Pollard reported that the Archdeacon had given de-minimis permission for the tree to be taken down. Matthew had also ascertained that there are no preservation orders for any of the trees in the church grounds. It was decided that maybe 'HIC' or Laurence Dowson would be able to take down the tree. Matthew said he would contact Laurence, as he may be able to make use of the wood. Matthew would also ask for the roots to be sealed to avoid any problems. **MP**
- 4 a **Correspondence**  
Singing workshop to be run by Graham Kennedy at Central Methodist Church 4th, 11th and 18<sup>th</sup> April. To be advertised in the newsletter  
Johnny Haigh, minister for the Pentecostal Church is to hold a 'Churches Together' prayer meeting at Central Methodist Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> April where Christians of Brighouse can pray together for local people and the local area. To be advertised in the newsletter.  
Matthew read an updated list of those persons who require CRB checks within the church, as there are new guidelines. The PCC will refer to the list when making decisions.
- 5 **Fundraising Events**  
Richard Mason had produced a spreadsheet of ideas for fundraising showing events that had already taken place, those planned and suggested events together with estimates of funds that could be raised. Co-ordinating events and the feasibility of which events could be held this

year and those which could be on-going were discussed. The pantomime committee are looking at holding a Summer fayre with stalls and BBQ. It was also suggested that the Pantomime society may be able to assist with a 'Murder, mystery evening'. Barbara Rukin reported that she had again been in discussions with Matthew Evans and Cynthia Smith regarding the Art exhibition. This has been arranged for 12<sup>th</sup> November. Matthew Evans said November would be a good time. Barbara said she would be able to help. The possibility of holding the 'Betty's Afternoon tea' at the same time as the exhibition is also a possibility. Soo Sykes agreed to organise 'Smartie tubes' and will take them to all the uniformed organisations. This would be an 'on-going' fund raiser. Regarding the 'bag pack', which has already taken place, Richard asked the council to approve that the 20% given to Highbury School be treated as part of the Mission and Charities giving and treated accordingly. This was seconded by Roger Ellis and passed unanimously. Richard also said that monies raised from Sunday teas and coffee has been allocated to the Organ Fund.

## 6 Reports from PCC sub- committees for fundraising

On going and progressing.

## 7 Art Exhibition

To be held 12<sup>th</sup> November as previously discussed.

## 8 APCM Reports to be approved

### ***Fabric report***

Accepted with amendments

### ***Proceedings of the PCC***

Approved. Proposed by Soo Sykes, seconded by Graham Readshaw

### ***Deanery Synod***

Approved. Proposed by Barbara Rukin, seconded by Graham Readshaw

### ***Treasurer's Report***

Accepted subject to figures being inserted in Church and Hall accounts.

Proposed by Soo Sykes, seconded by Barbara Rukin.

Richard said the annual accounts would be circulated by Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March and asked the PCC to approve a formal resolution that the accounts can be signed off by the Treasurer and the Vicar on behalf of the PCC. This was proposed by Simon Day, seconded by Hilary McCarthy and passed unanimously. Comments will be made within 48 hrs after which time they will be signed off and sent to David Knox, the Independent Examiner. Richard also reported that the Church accounts showed a deficit of £6,867 and the Hall accounts a surplus of £3,877. Richard had received a request from Missions and Charities for the PCC to consider a donation to the British Red Cross for an appeal for Japan. The Missions and Charities account stands at £3,500 and the money would be a donation from their allocation. Roger suggested a donation of £200 this was seconded by Graham and passed unanimously.

## 9 Celebrating Rastrick

Barbara reported that plans for Celebrating Rastrick were going well with input from our Church groups. As there will be no 10.15 service at Church, Graham volunteered to check at church in case anyone turns up. Matthew said that we need to acknowledge Barbara's work and thanked her for all she had done in organising the event.



**Ref****Action**

19<sup>th</sup> Nov      Table Top Sale  
 1<sup>st</sup> Dec        Christmas Lunch  
 Beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December – Pantomime  
 17<sup>th</sup> Dec        Carol Singing

**18 Any other business**

Soo Sykes reported that during a Brownies session, the fire doors in the Church Hall had been pushed open from outside. The Police had been informed and a crime number obtained. She was concerned that it was a security issue. Graham replied that the doors must not have been locked correctly but that there was a need for more secure steel clad doors. Graham will ask Robert Beaumont to get a quote for new doors.

**GR**

Matthew said that Barbara Warhurst's sons want to make a donation of around £1,500 in Barbara's memory. This could be a donation to the organ bellows fund and gift aided. Richard stated that the transitional relief ends on 4<sup>th</sup> April.

Barbara said that Pam Walker wants to give the flower group a donation of £50 in memory of Janet.

The microwave in the kitchen is not working. Robert will be asked to look at it. It was decided that it is used by various groups and will be replaced if it can't be repaired.

The PCC will look at the viability of having the APCM after the Sunday morning service. It was noted that numbers of parishioners attending over the last years has fallen and this will be monitored after this year's meeting. It was discussed whether more parents would attend if there was supervision for children. Junior Church leaders will be asked for their views.

**PCC****19 Date and time of next meeting**

The next PCC meeting will be held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> April in the Sturrock room at 7.30pm

The meeting closed at 9.45pm with the Grace

Christine James  
 PCC Secretary