

ST JAMES THE LESS, TATHAM

Minutes of the Meeting of Tatham PCC held on 31st March 2014

Chairman of PCC	Following the AGM, Norman Dove has retired as Chairman of the PCC. Thanks were expressed to Norman for his Chairmanship in recent years. The new Chairman is Linda Kirkby, with John Parkinson as the Vice-Chairman.
Present	Mrs L Kirkby (Chairman), Mr N Dove, Rev Mark Cannon, Mr J R Holt (Treasurer), Mrs P Holt, , Mrs S Marsden (Secretary), , Mrs C Dove, Mr W J Parkinson (Vice-Chairman), Mrs F Parkinson, Mrs V Gardner, Mrs I Hilton Mr Colin Burford (invited to attend)
Apologies	Mrs E Atkinson, Mr D Lund, Mrs B Harrison, Mr P Osborne
Minutes	The Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 3 rd February 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
Matters Arising	<p>Gates – These have been grinded and repainted but they won't stay shut so a catch is required. The latch doesn't turn and has been left as it is.</p> <p>Garden of Remembrance – a plaque has been made in the same style as the noticeboard in oak. People will need to apply to have their plaques on the ground and the style and wording of these will need to be approved. Ashes can be scattered over this area or can be buried in a casket.</p> <p>Re-roofing – we have 3 quotes and these will be discussed later.</p> <p>New porch doors – these have been installed at a cost of £2,210 including the Garden of Remembrance plaque as outlined above. Tony Sedgwick has make these.</p> <p>The North door has been inspected at is fully functional to use if required in bad weather to avoid opening the South doors.</p>
Finance	The Year-end Accounts were presented and discussed at the AGM and are attached to these minutes
Benefice Support Meeting	Rev Mark Cannon attended. There had been further discussions on safeguarding and all Clergy and Readers are to be trained and DBS (previously CRB) checked. Each Parish is to be asked to take on some fundraising for Christian Aid and Mark will bring a proposal to the next PCC meeting asking us to try to raise £400 over the next 2 years. This could possibly be designated from the Christmas Eve collection.
Diocese	There was nothing to report
Friends Meeting	Colin Burford reported that the Friends Meeting on 11 th March was attended by 14 people including 3 from the PCC and Colin Burford chaired the meeting. Discussion was lively and supportive of the Church and it was clear that the majority wished to form a formal Friends Group and nobody was opposed to this. Some did not mind either way. Colin is writing a draft Constitution and will circulate to the 3 PCC members nominated to the Friends meeting, with a view to arranging another meeting for Friends in April. The purpose of the Friends is to encourage greater community interest in the welfare of the church, especially amongst those who do not attend the services. Linda Kirkby said that heating, toilets and water supply are needed for both the church services and other events. She also mentioned that Burgh by Sands church in Carlisle has recently had a Lottery grant to improve their facilities. Sue to look into this.

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Church maintenance	John Holt has asked Mike Harrison to write a specification brief to enable us to ask for quotes for the repairs to the roof and wall. The quotes have now been received from Dave Hilton (£7,100 , Graham Sykes (£9,300) and Jonathan Wright (£12,300). All plus VAT. A subcommittee of John Holt, John Parkinson and Norman Dove will look closely at these to check that they are true comparisons but it is likely that the lowest quote will be accepted.
Newsletter	Chris Berry has kindly produced a Spring Newsletter and this has been circulated in the Parish
Correspondence	The Diocese has sent a Christian Aid pack and also information about a Workshop in Coventry.
Recent events and activities	None other than usual services
Fundraising/future events	Wray Fair 5 th May – jam jars and bric a brac needed and help putting up tent on the Saturday 26 th before the Fair Day. Sunday 27 th April Wray Scarecrow week, our catering in the Institute. Help and contributions of soup, sandwiches and cakes required. Linka Kirkby has been looking for someone to lead a Good Old Days Concert but has not met with success, therefore she suggested that instead we have a Concert Party in the Rectory garden with a jazz band and we have a sing-song with wartime songs. This could include a picnic, provided by us in boxes as we did previously, and ask people to dress up in wartime clothes. This will be booked for 12 th July in the early evening and Linda will continue with the planning.
Any other business	Rev Mark Cannon said there will be no service on 27 th April because of the clash with Wray Institute catering. A notice will be posted.
Date of next meeting	Monday 30 th June at 7.30pm at the Old Rectory

Minutes circulated Sunday 13th April 2014 by Sue Marsden, Secretary