

ST JAMES THE LESS, TATHAM

Minutes of the Meeting of Tatham PCC held on 3rd September 2018 at 7pm

<p>1. Present</p>	<p>Mrs L Kirkby (Chairman), Mr W J Parkinson (Vice-Chairman), Mr J R Holt (Treasurer), Mrs P Holt, , Mrs S Marsden (Secretary), Mrs E Atkinson, Mrs P Kirkwood (Treasurer) Rev Mark Cannon, Mrs V Gardner. Mr P Osborne.</p> <p>Mr C Burford (Chair of Friends) Mr P Whatmough (Treasurer of Friends)</p>	<p>ACTION REQUIRED</p>
<p>2. Apologies</p>	<p>Mrs S Rycroft, Mrs L Leather, Mr D Lund Barbara Harrison has resigned from the PCC</p>	
<p>3. Minutes</p>	<p>The Minutes were agreed and signed by the Chairman.</p>	
<p>4. Matters Arising</p>	<p>Wennington Parish Council invited an application for a grant to the Church.</p> <p>There has not yet been a visit to the organ/piano shop in Morecambe.</p> <p>A lay-by has been created on the lane to the church. Thanks to Rebecca and Richard Sanderson with help from Brian Kirkby.</p>	<p>SM to make application</p> <p>JP and LL to visit organ shop</p>
<p>5. Finance</p>	<p>a. Current finances</p> <p>The current account has £32k approximately including income from Wray Fair, the Flower Festival and a VAT refund. See attached Accounts summary.</p> <p>Payments –</p> <p>The boiler repair and service bill of £1261 has been paid. In future Howsons will service the boiler instead of Wheildons. To pay – Diocese quarterly payment and the Quinquennial Survey (£1080 incl VAT)</p> <p>Income -</p> <p>We have received a legacy of £2,000 from Edmund Parker and we need to discuss how this should be recognised.</p> <p>We have received a donation of £150 from Sharon Kemp and Richard Gargenie.</p> <p>We have been informed that Audrey May Danson (Les Danson’s sister) has left 5% of her estate to the church.</p> <p>A donation of £248 has been received from Wenning Voices.</p> <p>The Friends have donated £867 to the church for the recent work to date. Making a total of £16,234 given to the PCC in the past 4 years. The PCC thanked the Friends for this continuing support.</p>	<p>All to consider recognition of EK’s legacy</p>

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	<p>b. Entwistle House We have paid £768 extra to the Mencap solicitor (making a total of £2558) for their legal work re Entwistle House. We will also have a bill of £1200 for our own solicitor.</p> <p>John Holt has emailed Lara at Oglethorpes re progress. She is waiting for the Transfer Deed from the other party. There was further discussion on the lamentable progress of the Entwistle House legal work and all expressed dissatisfaction with our own solicitor and the Mencap solicitor. Any future legal work should consider the appointment of a different solicitor who will represent our interests more efficiently.</p> <p>c. Ecclesiastical Awards We have made an application to nominate the Friends. We will hear the decision at the end of September</p>	
<p>6. Mission and Vision</p>	<p>Mark Cannon requested that the next PCC meeting allocates 20 minutes for the topic of Mission and Vision. Should there be a follow-up to our last Survey of the Parish and we need to make a plan for 2026. Mark will bring examples of what other rural churches have done to increase attendance.</p>	<p>SM to find the previous Survey results and the Survey questions</p>
<p>7. Church Maintenance and Facilities</p>	<p>a. Quinquennial Inspection and Flood prevention measures The Quinquennial Inspection Surveyor suggested that a roof over the boiler room steps would be the best solution to avoid future flooding. It was agreed that we should move forward with this quickly to avoid another massive flood. Plans will be drawn up and quotes obtained.</p> <p>It was suggested that Graham Sykes be asked to do the work but it was pointed out that the PCC should not use contractors without first asking several for a quote, thus avoiding any accusation of nepotism and ensuring that we obtain the best competitive quote. It was agreed that Graham Sykes and Slingers should be asked to quote for this work.</p> <p>We are awaiting the results of the Q Inspection but we have been told that the North Roof has some slipped flags which need to be pushed back up, re-pegged and lime mortared. Otherwise the roof is in a reasonable condition.</p> <p>b. Tarmac Path round West end of Church – this will now wait to see the outcome of the Quinquennial Inspection.</p> <p>c. Window cleaning – this was done outside on 21st June for a cost of £40 but has made no obvious difference. It was suggested that Richard Denby be asked to clean the organ space window on the inside to see if that makes any</p>	<p>LK – progress the boiler roof extension plans</p> <p>JP to ask Richard Denby re cleaning window inside</p>

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	<p>difference internally.</p> <p>d. Street lighting for Church car park – John Parkinson will talk to Andrew Cross about the options.</p> <p>e. Church kneelers – it was agreed that the old plastic-covered kneelers could go to the Jumble Sale.</p>	JP to look at options for car parking lighting
8. Diocese and Benefice	Rev Mark Cannon reported that the new Bishop of Lancaster, Bishop Jill, is coming to the Joint Benefice Service on Sunday 3 rd February. All churches in the Benefice are being considered to host this service and we made the case for it being at our church.	
9. Friends Group	<p>Leyland Brass Band Concert is on Saturday, 20th October and tickets are £15.</p> <p>The Chair of the Friends and the Chair of the PCC, Colin Burford and Linda Kirkby have agreed to keep each other aware of plans and events in order not to clash over the year with each other and with events in the Benefice.. It was agreed that we check the events planned with all the 5 churches in our Benefice.</p> <p>The next Friends Meeting is on Monday 10th November</p>	
10. Newsletter	Chris Berry is preparing the Autumn Newsletter to go out in 3 weeks.	
11. Correspondence	Various Correspondence from the Diocese was reported to the meeting.	
12. Recent Events and Services	<p>Church Life in Flowers from 21st – 25th June was a great success with a stream of visitors over the 4 days, a good turnout for Wenning Voices Open Evening and a special Church Life Service on the Sunday taken by Rev Frank and Rev Mabel from Bentham.</p> <p>The Jazz & Fizz Evening – raised £1800 and was another excellent evening at the home of Willis and Jackie Harrison in Wennington.</p> <p>The Annual Picnic was held in the church as it rained but was enjoyed by everyone who came.</p>	
13. Future events and Services	<p>Jumble Sale is this Saturday and it was agreed that a donation from the proceeds be given to Caroline Watts treatment fund.</p> <p>Harvest Service is on 23rd September. Decorating the church is 10am on 22nd September. The harvest lunch will be at the Old Rectory by kind invitation of John and Phyllis Holt. PCC members to bring soup please and produce for the sales table. The 100 Club Draw will take place at the Harvest Lunch.</p> <p>Remembrance Service is on 11th November at 10.30am.</p> <p>The first Film Night – Movies in the Pews – is on Friday 5th October and the next on Friday 2nd November.</p>	
14. Any other business	There was discussion regarding the extension to the Church Yard. The church wall could be moved back sooner or later but in the meantime the extension area could be pegged out and mown next spring. A space for the spreading of ashes will be included in this extended area.	
15. Date of next meeting	TUESDAY 27 th November at 7pm at the Church	

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