

# ST JAMES THE LESS, TATHAM

## Minutes of the Meeting of Tatham PCC held on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2016

<b>Present</b>	Mrs L Kirkby (Chairman), Mr J R Holt (Treasurer), Mrs P Holt, Mrs E Atkinson, Mrs I Hilton, Mrs B Harrison, Mrs V Gardner, Mr P Osborne, Mr D Lund Rev Mark Cannon (at 8.30pm)
<b>Apologies</b>	Mr N Dove, Mrs C Dove, Mrs S Marsden (Secretary), Mr W J Parkinson (Vice-Chairman) Mrs F Parkinson (returned home from hospital that day – a card should be sent from the PCC)
<b>Minutes</b>	The Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2016 were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
<b>Matters Arising</b>	<p><b>Remembrance Garden</b> - The Garden of Remembrance sign has been moved to the new area.</p> <p><b>Welcome leaflet</b> – these are now available and everyone approved them, especially pictures of train. All members to have a few copies to distribute when appropriate. Thanks to Chris Berry for all his work on this.</p> <p><b>Organ</b> – this is being removed in stages and is to be completed by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July at the latest.</p> <p><b>Pew Cushions</b> – 11 are now completed and will be installed before the wedding on 16<sup>th</sup> July, after a major clean of the church. The staging under the piano has been shortened.</p>
<b>Finance</b>	<p>The Balances are: Current Account £2700, General Deposit £2650, Fabric £2600, School £1900. Investment holdings are unchanged. Wray Fair raised £1447.59 minus the Institute fee of £153.20, so a profit of £1294 for Church funds. The remaining loan of £8,000 has been repaid. Paid £3,000 to the Diocese for the Parish Share. £1792 left to pay for this year.</p>
<b>Church Maintenance and Facilities</b>	<p><b>Toilet and Brew Point</b> – a petition for a Faculty has been submitted. The Environment Agency had asked for more details of the Trench Arch Drainage system. The Registrar had ordered the application to be put on the Diocesan website (information from Rev Mark Cannon). No problems are anticipated. It was decided to ask Tony Sedgewick to programme the Brew Point into his work schedule and finalised the design etc with Sue Dawson. The Portaloo has been ‘overloaded’ during the recent visiting choir recording session. It was decided to proceed with new wc before the new North Aisle cupboard doors are made.</p> <p><b>Entwistle House</b> – Nothing has been heard from Mencap. After much investigation contact has been made - they have changed their name to ‘Other Things’ and also their address. Their Chairman, Kate Maggs, was keen that the building be returned to the local community but was unsure of Diocesan involvement and asked for help. They have been sent a copy of the Deed of Redemption (dated 1st Feb 1982) and copies of relevant Land Registry documents in support. These were posted to them on 24<sup>th</sup> June 2016.</p>

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<b>Diocese and Benefice</b>	<p>Rev Mark Cannon reported that the new Area Dean, Rev Nancy Goodrich, had made an anonymous visit to every church in the Deanery to assess their 'welcoming' qualities. Tatham had passed with honours!</p> <p>Rev Cannon also suggested that a part-time Youth Worker be appointed to complement Mary Winter's work with young people locally. Further details to follow.</p> <p><b>Tunstall Vicarage</b> – Rev Cannon reported that for 'financial reasons' the restoration was not being done according to the wishes and ideas of the sisters for the best use of the building as a retreat. Even the internal decoration may not be done. All were of the opinion that if local expertise had been used it would have been freely given. It was resolved that a letter be written to the Archdeacon, expressing the PCC's concern and disappointment. It was suggested that the Parish Share would be withheld to pay for the decoration.</p> <p>There is to be an invasion of Bishops in September to encourage the Mission Agenda. It was agreed that Tatham had already done enough to meet the aims of the Mission.</p>
<b>Friends Group</b>	<p>The Bluebell Walk has been cancelled as there are 2 others in the area on or about that time.</p> <p>A Party for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday was held at Wennington Hall on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> June. This was a great success despite a storm in the afternoon. Wennington Hall had been very helpful. Accounts are not yet completed but will be a profit of around £1,000.</p> <p>Future events planned – Last Night of the Proms, possibly in September.</p> <p>Levens Choir booked for 26<sup>th</sup> February 2017</p>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<p>Chris Berry has produced a Summer issue. Another is planned for the autumn.</p> <p>Thanks to Chris once again for his work on this.</p>
<b>Recent events and activities</b>	<p>Wray Fair catering and Stall – great success, as reported in Finance.</p> <p>Friends event at Wennington Hall for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday – great success</p>
<b>Future events</b>	<p>The Choir who used the Church for a recording on 21<sup>st</sup> May hoped to come again in the autumn and offered to put on a concert for us in the future.</p> <p>9<sup>th</sup> July – Jazz &amp; Fizz Event at Station Farm. All plans made, more tickets to sell.</p> <p>A reminder was given about the Jumble Sale on 10<sup>th</sup> September.</p> <p>There will be a Joint Service followed by a picnic on 31<sup>st</sup> July.</p>
<b>Any other business</b>	<p>It was suggested that a Church Guide covering all the Churches in the Benefice, plus Hornby, etc, be produced to be available in all public places locally. John Holt to contact Michael Hanson.</p>
<b>Date of next meeting</b>	<p>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm at the Old Rectory</p>

*Minutes circulated 4<sup>th</sup> November 2016*