

ST JAMES THE LESS, TATHAM

Minutes of the Meeting of Tatham PCC held on 3rd November 2014

Present	Mrs L Kirkby (Chairman), Rev Mark Cannon, Mr J R Holt (Treasurer), Mrs P Holt, , Mr W J Parkinson (Vice-Chairman), Mrs F Parkinson, Mrs V Gardner, Mrs E Atkinson, Mr P Osborne, Mrs S Marsden, Mr D Lund Mrs Sue Dawson was invited to attend to present the draft plans for the Vestry
Apologies	Mrs I Hilton, Mr N Dove, Mrs C Dove, Mrs B Harrison.
Minutes	The Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 22 nd September 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
Matters Arising	<p>The organ is staying for the foreseeable future. The cost of its repair needs to be known.</p> <p>A 3rd bank account has been opened for the Friends to use for their 100 club scheme and other current fundraising until they are a separate registered charity and can open their own bank account.</p> <p>Carole Butcher will co-ordinate all the Benefice churches' lightning conductor check which needs to take place every 4-5 year.</p> <p>The B4RN fibre optic broadband cable is now ready to connect to a position inside the church, probably in the Vestry.</p>
Finance	<p>Separate report attached from the Treasurer.</p> <p>Balance in current account is £2848 after paying Wheildons 2 cheques towards the new biomass boiler installation. A temporary loan of £20,000 has been made from Mr J Holt to the PCC to help with the immediate costs of the new heating system.</p> <p>The majority of shares in the CLA investment Fabric Account are being sold. There is £760 left in the Fabric Account and £2427 left in General Account shares.</p> <p>A loan of £15,000 is available from Tatham Fells when we need it. Dave Hilton has not begun the roof repair yet.</p> <p>There is still £10,733 to pay Wheildons on commissioning of the heating system and £1,500 for a 6 tonne bulk load of wood pellets for the new boiler.</p> <p>We will need to fundraise hard to keep us afloat over the next 2 years. It is hoped that there will be a VAT partial refund and also some return from the RHI payments over 20 years.</p> <p>Insurance – currently only insuring for 1st loss at 25% of value at £764,191 building and some content cover. Renewal cost is £1105, an increase of £8.23 on last year, with £100 excess. This does not cover flood or burst pipes. If we wish to insure 50% of the value with £500 excess the premium would be increased to £1404, including burst pipe cover. 75% of value with £500 excess would be a premium of £1509 including burst pipe cover. 100% of value of £3,056,763 for the building would cost £1608.87 with a £500 excess and burst pipe cover. This is a 45% increase in cost but covers everything and equates to less than £10 a week.</p> <p>The PCC all agreed that the insurance should continue at the current 25% of value, with £100 excess and to include burst pipe cover.</p> <p>The Harvest lunch sale of products raised £254</p>
Mrs Sue Dawson, Architect, presentation of plans for Vestry	<p>Sue Dawson had been invited to present the plans and options to create a wc and kitchen in the vestry. This would be the least expensive location as the wc and sink can be piped into the cellar space and away to a septic tank. Sue had met with the Ministry Team to discuss their requirements for the vestry.</p> <p>Sue presented the plans which included a disabled wc, a kitchen area, a kneehole desk and chair, a safe and lockable cupboards for the brasses. There was a general discussion and questions regarding the plans.</p> <p>Rev Mark Cannon suggested that we send the plans to the Archdeacon for a view now and ascertain the views of the Diocese, The ramp by the organ needs to be</p>

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	<p>added to the plan and it was suggested that we present 'before' and 'after' plans which will also include the route for the sewage to the septic tank and its location. The Chair asked all PCC members for their views which were discussed. There was full support from all members and no objections to taking the plans forward.</p>
Church Maintenance and Facilities	<p>The Chair thanked all those who had cleaned up after the installation of the new heating system and a special thanks to Paul Whatmough from the Friends groups. All the radiators are now installed. The bookshelves behind the main door have been shortened. The old boiler has been removed as has the old oil tank. A new base for the new boiler is in progress. The flue has been altered.</p> <p>John Holt has obtained prices for pellets which will be approx £250 per tonne and we will need 6 tonnes, likely to come from Middletons near Kirkby Lonsdale. All PCC members agreed that these should be ordered at a likely cost of £1500.</p> <p>PCC members observed that the radiators have fitted very well into the church and are not ugly. The disruption to the fabric of the church has been minimal.</p> <p>The roof repair is on hold. Dave Hilton will do this later to spread the expense as the heating was a priority before Christmas.</p> <p>A new notice board in the Porch has been made in memory of Graham Gardner. The PCC expressed thanks to Veda Gardner for her very kind donation of this.</p>
Diocese and Benefice	<p>A Benefice Meeting took place in December. It came to notice that there had been some intention of the Diocese to consider combining our Benefice with Hornby. John Ryle from Wray PCC has written a strong letter to the Diocese to oppose this and complain of the opaque way that this had been suggested.</p> <p>There was some discussion on The Bell magazine and it was suggested that it should be updated. Peter Osborne has been discussing this with Carole Butcher who is open to any suggestions. Mark Cannon suggested that the magazine group should review it and make appropriate changes.</p> <p>On Sunday 14th December there will be Evensong at Tatham Fells when the 'Olive Branch Food Bank, will speak about their work.</p>
Friends Group	<p>The Trustees of the Friends will be the Chair, Treasurer and Secretary. The Constitution is ready to submit to the Charity Commission. Plans are well under way for the 100 Club.</p> <p>The Friends Christmas Dinner will be on Friday 28th November and all PCC members are very welcome.</p>
Newsletter	<p>The PCC agreed to ask Chris Berry if he could do a new Autumn/Winter Newsletter with news of the new heating system and the development of the new Friends group. It was agreed that the new 100 Club leaflet should be included with this newsletter when it is distributed.</p>
Correspondence	None
Recent events and activities	The Harvest Service and sales table was successful and raised £254
Fundraising/future events	<p>The Brewers Apron concert needs over 70 people to make it a success. Ticket sales are going well but more are needed. Raffle prizes were discussed and jobs allocated for the evening between PCC members and other volunteers.</p> <p>There will be no service on 21st December but instead a Joint Service on 28th December with all the churches in the Benefice. Helpers are needed on Saturday 20th to decorate the church for Christmas</p> <p>The collection at the Christmas Eve service will be half for the Homeless in Lancaster and half for the St John's Hospice.</p> <p>The Plough Sunday Service on 11th January will be taken by Norman and Anne Dawson, with bacon butties to follow.</p> <p>The Jumble Sale will be on 12th September 2015</p>
Any other business	
Date of next meeting	Monday 2 nd February 2015 at 7.30pm at the Old Rectory