

# ST JAMES THE LESS, TATHAM

## Minutes of the Meeting of Tatham PCC held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2015

<b>Present</b>	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, Mrs I Hilton, Mr N Dove, Mrs C Dove Colin Burford also attended the meeting
<b>Apologies</b>	Mrs B Harrison. Mr D Lund
<b>Minutes</b>	The Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
<b>Matters Arising</b>	The B4RN fibre optic broadband cable will be connected when we have decided on the Vestry plans. It will be £150 to connect and then £30 per month. We will try to negotiate a lower monthly charge as it is a community building. The insurance renewal has been modified to include burst pipe cover as agreed at the last meeting.
<b>Finance</b>	Separate report attached from the Treasurer. Balance in current account is £1975. Fabric Account £770, Deposit account £3,500 and £9500 in shares. £978 owed for the second load of pellets at £233 per ton plus VAT. The first RHI claim will be submitted at the end of February. The VAT grant for the installation has been applied for. The roof repairs will be £8543 plus VAT but we might be able to reclaim the VAT on this. The Parish Share is approx £4,500 to be paid by November. An organ survey will be £250 plus VAT and it was agreed that this should be done. Brewers Apron concert raised £898, Plough Sunday collection £182, bacon butties £36, Carol Service collection £402, Joint Service collection £156.
<b>Church Maintenance and Facilities</b>	Sue Dawson is developing plans for the kitchen and wc in the Vestry. They have not been sent to the Diocese yet. Sue has met with the Diocesan Advisor who suggested a better septic tank using a trencharch system as they have in Brookhouse Church and Winmarleigh. The church doors will need to be sanded and revarnished once the drier weather arrives. The gate stoop has been installed at the end of the car park. John Harrison has produced a report on the heat loss in the church and all agreed that £170 could be spent on implementing the suggestions once Norman Dove and Phyllis Holt, as Church Wardens, have approved the details.
<b>Diocese and Benefice</b>	A Benefice Meeting took place in December. The new CRB system was discussed and 3 people (Carole Butcher, Anne Dawson and Rev Mark Cannon) will be trained to Level 2. Safeguarding covers vulnerable adults as well as children. This is not relevant to our church unless we ask someone to go to visit a person in their home. The Diocese has £2m in reserves and is taking funds from this so that the Parish Share will increase very little. A paper has been produced to reflect on the declining church attendance within the Blackburn Diocese, the steepest for the past 20 years. However within our Benefice 4 of the 6 churches reported growth rather than decline. Rev Cannon asked for 'Mission' to be added to the agenda for the next PCC meeting. There is an Alpha Course at Leck Hall starting 3 <sup>rd</sup> March and details of this are on the internet
<b>Friends Group</b>	The Charity Commission has not yet approved the charity registration. The trustees of the Friends will be responsible for how the money raised by Friends is spent. The 100 Club is going well and has over 60 members now. Open Gardens weekend will be organised by the Friends on 5 <sup>th</sup> July

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<b>Newsletter</b>	Chris Berry kindly produced a Winter Newsletter. The next one will be in Spring, out before Easter if possible. Chris Berry will be asked if he can do this again.
<b>Correspondence</b>	John and Frances Parkinson have written to thank the PCC for the Christmas cake gift and also thanks to Veda for making it
<b>Recent events and activities</b>	<p>The Christmas Eve Service was full as usual and thanks to John and Phyllis Holt for hosting the mince pies and drinks for all the congregation after the service. Plough Sunday service raised £182 in the collection and £36 from the bacon butties.</p> <p>There followed an important discussion as to whether the money from church collections should be given to other charities when we are struggling to fundraise to keep the church solvent. Many of the PCC members were unaware that all the collection from a service was given at Christmas Eve, Harvest Sunday and Remembrance Sunday as they thought the charity received money from a separate collection at the service. A proposal was put forward and it was agreed by a majority of the members that at the end of the financial year, when we know our financial situation, we will decide what charitable donations can be given.</p>
<b>Future events</b>	There will be an Easter Sunday Service as an addition to the usual services in April. The Jumble Sale will be on 12 <sup>th</sup> September 2015
<b>Any other business</b>	<p>6<sup>th</sup> March is Womens World Day of Prayer</p> <p>19<sup>th</sup> February – there will be a Lent Lunch at John and Phyllis Holt's</p> <p>The church water supply is currently from the Old Rectory and this needs to be altered so a direct supply from the main is established. Brian Kirkby is discussing the route options with United Utilities</p>
<b>Date of next meeting</b>	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm at the Old Rectory

*Circulated by Sue Marsden 26<sup>th</sup> March 2015*