

# ST JAMES THE LESS, TATHAM

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

<b>Present</b>	Mrs L Kirkby (Chairman), Mr J R Holt (Treasurer), Mrs P Holt, Mr W J Parkinson (Vice-Chairman), Mrs E Atkinson, Mr N Dove, Mrs C Dove, Mrs S Marsden (Secretary) , Mrs I Hilton, Mrs F Parkinson, Mr D Lund, Rev Mark Cannon
<b>Apologies</b>	Mrs B Harrison, Mr P Osborne, Mrs V Gardner
<b>Minutes</b>	The Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
<b>By Invitation – Sue Dawson presented the plans for the brewpoint and toilet</b>	<p><b>Brewpoint:</b> Sue Dawson brought plans for a brewpoint on the West wall of the North aisle. This would be a 3m run of kitchen units which would be designed to suit the church. It would be all cupboards with no drawers. Drainage would be into a Trench Arch system which Sue has discussed with the Building Inspector (David Edwards). The option of a boiling water unit under the sink was discussed and this was thought to be a good idea by all the PCC if the Friends have enough money to buy it (£700 plus). A Faculty will be required to create the brewpoint. All the PCC were in favour of the plans and location.</p> <p><b>Toilet:</b> Various locations have been considered including on the site of the current shed, in the car park, the organ space and in the vestry. Sue thought it unlikely that we would get planning permission for a separate building and this would be difficult with the sewage system. The vestry is the less expensive and most convenient option and the Building Inspector favoured this solution too. The ramp down from the vestry does not need to be permanent and could be a removable metal or wooden structure which would cost £350 to £400. The wc has been designed with an outward opening door. There was considerable discussion on the location and it was thought that the best current solution is the vestry but the wc could be relocated at a later date if an opportunity for another location arose. There is a need to improve the storage facilities in the vestry and for the partition wall to be oak panelled and in keeping with the vestry. The majority of PCC members were in favour of the plan with 1 member abstaining from the vote.</p> <p><b>Moving the pews:</b> There was discussion on the moving of the pews with some members concerned about removing them and which ones could be removed. A vote was postponed until the next PCC meeting</p> <p><b>Curtained crockery shelves to be fitted with doors:</b> All the PCC were in favour of removing the curtain and having a pair of smart oak doors instead which would provide shelved storage with easier access and a greatly improved appearance.</p> <p><b>Redesign the steps to the vestry:</b> All the PCC were in favour of these being redesigned to make them safer and for a handrail to be installed. The PCC thanked Sue Dawson for all the work she has done and Sue left the meeting.</p>
<b>Matters Arising</b>	<p>Remembrance Garden – current location is unsuitable and it was suggested a new position on the left of the entrance gate, along the wall. PCC members will discuss after the next service, on site</p> <p>The School Account – Linda Kirkby asked could this be used for some educational activity as there are so few school leavers in the Parish to be able to use the funds. John Holt said he will look at the Deed.</p> <p>Linda Kirkby is working on a Welcome Pack for new residents in the Parish, similar to one that Tatham Fells produce.</p>

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<b>Finance</b>	<p>The Treasurers Report:</p> <p>The Barbecue raised £1443, The Jumble Sale £1176, The Harvest sale £247 and the Catering at a Farm Sale £1508. A total of £4,374.</p> <p>Linda has thanked John Whitfield for inviting us to do the catering at the farm sale. The RHI is returning only modest payments, less than Wheildons budgeted. The Deposit account is £10,600 and the loan has been reduced to £4,000. The Current account is £5,000. The School Account is £1948. The Fabric Account is £788 and the roof repair has been paid for.</p> <p>We will need to pay £1652 Parish Share shortly and £1150 insurance. Another load of pellets will also be required which costs £900 for 4 tons.</p> <p>The collection at Christmas was agreed to be given as follows- half to the Church and half to St John's Hospice.</p> <p>Gift Aid rules have changed to enable the Inland Revenue to claim the tax from those who don't pay enough to cover their donation. So the wording on the yellow envelopes needs to change for the next order.</p>
<b>Church Maintenance and Facilities</b>	<p>We now have a faculty to remove the organ. The organ is being sold to a church in Carlisle. The purchasers are waiting to get a Faculty to put in our organ. The PCC agreed that we would be happy to accept £750 for the organ. John Parkinson will continue with arrangements.</p> <p>The porch doors have been sanded and revarnished. The threshold has disappeared and this needs to be reinstated. Linda will ask Tony Sedgewick.</p> <p>An independent water supply to the church is in hand, being dug by Brian Kirkby.</p>
<b>Diocese and Benefice</b>	<p>There are new rules for 'Common Tenure' so all the Priests in Charge are not to be Vicars. Rev Mark Cannon turned it down.</p> <p>Tunstall Vicarage – we can advertise for a replacement for Robert Hannaford but if there is no interest then the Diocese will sell the vicarage and Tunstall PCC would get one-third of it. The cost of replacing Robert would be £9,000-£10,000 with a House for Duty Minister who would use the house in exchange for x hr per week of ministry. Both Kirkby and Appleby have advertised for similar posts but have not found anyone. The Diocese has given permission to advertise for either a Priest or a Lay Reader which Mark Cannon said would also be a great help. The Diocese are putting a new heating system into the vicarage.</p>
<b>Friends Group</b>	<p>The Friends are meeting again on 9<sup>th</sup> November.</p> <p>The brass band concert was a great success and tickets sold out at 101 people. It raised £1167. Linda will write to thank Clare Danz for arranging the brass band.</p>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<p>Chris Berry has kindly just issued a winter Newsletter with dates until January 2016.</p>
<b>Mission</b>	<p>It was suggested that a Welcome Pack is created to give to new people in the area. Perhaps ask Clare to write a welcome letter.</p>
<b>Correspondence</b>	<p>Two Diocese letters were read out regarding fundraising and events.</p>
<b>Recent events and activities</b>	<p>Brass band concert covered previously.</p>
<b>Future events</b>	<p>10<sup>th</sup> Sept 2016 Jumble Sale</p> <p>2016 July – Jazz and Fizz event to be arranged at Station Farm, Wennington</p> <p>Xmas decorating at church on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec at 10am</p> <p>No service on 20<sup>th</sup> December</p> <p>27<sup>th</sup> December Benefice Service for all 6 churches.</p>
<b>Any other business</b>	<p>Thanks were expressed from all members to John and Phyllis Holt for their kind hospitality.</p>
<b>Date of next meeting</b>	<p>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February at 7.30pm at the Old Rectory</p>

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