

ST JAMES THE LESS, TATHAM

Minutes of the Meeting of Tatham PCC held on 30th June 2014

Present	Mrs L Kirkby (Chairman), Rev Mark Cannon, Mr J R Holt (Treasurer), Mrs P Holt, Mrs S Marsden (Secretary), Mr W J Parkinson (Vice-Chairman), Mrs F Parkinson, Mrs V Gardner, Mrs I Hilton, Mrs E Atkinson, Mr D Lund, Mrs B Harrison. Mr Colin Burford , Mr John Harrison and Mr Chris Berry were invited to attend as representatives of the Friends' Group
Apologies	Mr N Dove, Mrs C Dove, Mr P Osborne
Minutes	The Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 31 st March 2014 were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
Matters Arising	The latch on the gate still needs to be sorted out as it is sticking. Porch doors are also sticking but will be attended to soon. Newsletter – the Summer one has been issued and it was felt that the Newsletter should be more widely distributed
Finance	The Treasurer's Report is attached to these minutes and was presented to the meeting. The doors have been paid for - £2,492. Following an official test which cost £180, the Lightning Conductor needs work and it was agreed by all that this should be done at a cost of £378. The profit from Wray Fair catering was £2,021, a big increase on £1340 last year.
Church Maintenance and Facilities	The beech tree has died, the last of 4 donated by the Faraday family, and a replacement perhaps needs to be planted. A gatepost is required at the entrance to the car park. The logs in the car park need a stake behind to prevent them rolling backwards and some need replacing . John Holt will find some new ones in his wood and replace them. The extension to the churchyard needs to be marked. Option of taking the wall down and rebuilding it round the new boundary. The extra ground will need to be consecrated. All agreed that this should be taken forward and John Holt will organise this.
Diocese and Benefice	At the recent Deanery Synod comments were invited on the 2006 Plan which suggests a reorganisation of our area. This had not been an Agenda item and the Plan had not been presented so this caused consternation. John Ryle has written a letter of complaint to the Diocese.
Friends Group	The Chair of the Friends, Colin Burford, reported on progress. There are 15-20 regular attenders and 4 sub-groups have been created to make progress on several fronts: 1 Constitution - Colin Burford outlined the plans to create a separate charitable trust. Until this is established any fundraising can go into a separate PCC account. The Chair asked if all the PCC are happy with the progress of the Friends group and there were no objections. Several of the Friends have been given a guided visit to the church to look at the prospective sites for a water supply, septic tank, kitchen and wc. 2 Publicity and marketing -Chris Berry demonstrated the new Church website and

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	<p>explained the costs and maintenance charges for it which were accepted by the PCC. A photo of all the PCC members present was taken to put on the website. The website address can now be included in all publicity for the church. The password for the website is held Chris Berry, Rebecca Sanderson and Linda Kirkby.</p> <p>3 Events – Barbara Harrison reported on outline plans for some social and fundraising events. The Group had met with Mr Prendergast from Wennington Hall School to have a tour of the facilities available to hire. There is no fee schedule so the cost of using the facilities and the dates available would only be known when an application is made.</p> <p>4 Capital Projects – John Harrison presented the options to develop a kitchen and wc for the church. The heating system is also being reviewed. There is an option to remove the organ and use that space for church facilities. All PCC members had no objection to the organ being removed.</p> <p>The PCC asked John Harrison to consult Roger Wheildon about our options for a boiler and heating.</p> <p>The PCC will have a short meeting on the 13th July after the church service, to discuss the options for the location of new facilities inside and outside the church, when all have had time to look at the proposals and plans drawn up by John Harrison and the Friends Group.</p>
Newsletter	Thanks to Chris Berry for kindly producing a Spring Newsletter which has been circulated in the Parish
Correspondence	Various notices from the Diocese regarding fundraising and training events for youth workers
Recent events and activities	Wray Fair and catering was a great success and thanks were expressed to all who helped
Fundraising/future events	<p>Strawberries and Fizz Summer Party has been arranged for 12th July. 54 tickets have been sold but need at least 80 sold to make it a success.</p> <p>27th July – Picnic after Service for all Benefice</p> <p>13th September – Jumble Sale</p> <p>15th November – Brewers Apron Concert</p> <p>28th September – Harvest Festival and Lunch – invitations will be sent to all to encourage people to come as attendance was poor last year</p>
Any other business	<p>Now that the church is open all week the flowers need to be fresh</p> <p>New frames have been ordered for the Turner print</p>
Date of next meeting	Monday 22 nd September at 7.30pm at the Old Rectory

Minutes circulated 16th September 2014 by Sue Marsden, Secretary