

# ST JAMES THE LESS, TATHAM

## Minutes of the Meeting of Tatham PCC held on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2015 (This followed the AGM)

<b>Present</b>	Mrs L Kirkby (Chairman), Mr J R Holt (Treasurer), Mrs P Holt, Mr W J Parkinson (Vice-Chairman), Mrs V Gardner, Mrs E Atkinson, Mr P Osborne, Mrs S Marsden (Secretary) , Mrs I Hilton, Colin Burford also attended the meeting
<b>Apologies</b>	Mrs B Harrison. Mr D Lund, Mr N Dove, Mrs C Dove, Rev Mark Cannon, Mrs F Parkinson
<b>Minutes</b>	The Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on 2 <sup>nd</sup> February 2015 were approved and signed as a correct record by the Chairman.
<b>Matters Arising</b>	<p>The RHI application was submitted at the end of February.</p> <p>All VAT has been recovered on the boiler costs (£7155.68)</p> <p>New Porch doors are being re-sanded and varnished when the weather is drier, no charge from Tony Sedgewick for this.</p> <p>Heat loss remedies – some have been implemented and need to check with Paul where they are up to. The door curtain could be on a rising pole. The curtain could be thermal lined.</p> <p>Water supply –still discussing options with United Utilities</p>
<b>Finance</b>	<p>The Treasurers Report is attached, as provided for the AGM prior to the PCC meeting.</p> <p>Current account £11,876, Deposit, £3510, Fabric £775, School £1943.</p> <p>Private loan for the cost of the new heating system has been reduced to £10,000</p> <p>Wray Fair made £1151.</p> <p>Parish share is 2% less than last year.</p> <p>The Treasurer is not happy with the decision made at the last meeting by a majority of the PCC, regarding church collections to charity being decided at the year end.</p> <p>The Chair agreed with the Treasurer. The total amount given to Charity last year was £864. There was an open discussion and a decision is to be made at the next PCC meeting.</p>
<b>Church Maintenance and Facilities</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. The Boiler is working well and we are awaiting the first RHI payment</li> <li>b. The organ – we have a quote from David Wells for £100,000 to refurbish the organ completely. John Parkinson said that the heating system has affected the organ and it is becoming unplayable. He suggested that we might consider an electronic organ as Wray Church have, which would cost around £16,000. We may be able to apply to the Pilling Charity for this cost. John Parkinson will look into this. It was proposed, seconded and agreed that we should apply for a faculty from the Diocese to remove the organ. We can consider how we might use the organ space in the future.</li> <li>c. The roof repair is to be done after Easter, plus the wall repair.</li> <li>d. The location of a kitchen and a wc was discussed and photos of how other churches have incorporated kitchen areas were circulated. It was agreed to discuss this again at the next PCC meeting.</li> <li>e. Churchyard extension – it was agreed that we would move towards planning for the extension which would be an extra 20yd into the field. The stone wall would need to be removed and rebuilt on the new boundary. It was agreed that John Holt will speak informally to the Diocese. He will also ask around for a supply of stone that will match the existing.</li> </ol>
<b>Diocese and Benefice</b>	Mr and Mrs Holt met Bishop Philip. He is supportive of change. It was decided that we invite him to come to talk to us.

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<b>Friends Group</b>	<p>The Friends had a meeting in March and will have their next in May. The Constitution is nearly agreed.</p> <p>The Concert, Love is in the Air, was a great success and made £1,000 including £230 from the raffle. 98 tickets were sold and 90 attended. The PCC expressed thanks to the Friends for organising this event.</p> <p>The Friends are organising the Open Gardens on Sunday 5th July. 70 people have now signed up to the 100 Club</p>
<b>Newsletter</b>	<p>Chris has drafted the next Newsletter. This includes an article on VE day which Norman Dove has written.</p> <p>It was suggested that Mary Winter is asked to do a special service for VE Day.</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>There have been requests from the Diocese to support various fundraising appeals</p>
<b>Recent events and activities</b>	<p>St Lawrence Singers – the concert was a great success</p> <p>Womens World Day of Prayer – went very well and brings all the churches together</p>
<b>Future events</b>	<p>Wray Scarecrow Festival catering on the first Sunday in the Institute. All food brought must have a list of ingredients with it. The Church Service will be held at 9am instead of 11am on that day.</p> <p>Wray Fair Stall – the usual bric-a-brac, jamjarbola, splat the Vicar. Plants, books etc</p> <p>Barbecue at Raw Ridding House by kind invitation of Rebecca and Richard Sanderson. Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Roo Berry will do the barbecue and the PCC members are to take dishes of food, puddings, etc.</p> <p>Open Gardens on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July</p>
<b>Any other business</b>	<p>Thanks were expressed from all members to John and Phyllis Holt for their kind hospitality to host the PCC meetings over the year.</p>
<b>Date of next meeting</b>	<p>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2015 at 7.30pm at the Old Rectory</p>

*Circulated by Sue Marsden 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015*