

**CARTMEL PENNISULA TEAM MINISTRY
ST PETER'S CHURCH FIELD BROUGHTON
Minutes of the PCC Meeting to be held on Tuesday 21st July 2015 at
7.30pm
In the Village Hall at High Newton**

**Present:- Rev N Devenish, Dr E Taylor, Mr J Hibbert, Mrs B Hibbert,
Mrs J Slater, Mr B Crossley, Mrs S Dean**

Welcome and Prayers. Rev N Devenish opened the meeting with a reading and prayers.

1. **Apologies** were received from Mr J Slater and Mrs V Dixon
2. **Mission Action Plan**

Covenanted Partnership/Ecumenical County

Discussion took place over the leaflet and letters the PCC had received proposing that the Carlisle Diocese becomes/forms a Covenanted Partnership in Extended Area (CPEA).

It is understood that the PCC can vote for the Diocese to become a CPEA but on the second motion opt out of being part of it themselves if they feel it is unsuitable for their parish.

If this goes ahead then the Benefice/Team could also be responsible for the URC and Methodist churches, both of which have falling congregations and a shortage of ministers.

There is also a local area ecumenical group set up to manage change which will run alongside the Deanery Synod.

There is the possibility that in the future that St Pauls Grange church would merge with the URC and Methodist churches.

The PCC would like to work together with other churches and is not against the principle of ecumenicalism but doesn't feel a formal agreement is desirable.

In response to the 2 motions in the Diocesan letter and following lengthy discussion the PCC voted as follows.

1. The proposal to approve in principle the formation of a CPEA by the Carlisle Diocese. The vote was 6 against with 1 abstention.
2. The PCC did not wish to become part of such a Covenanted Partnership. The vote was unanimous with 7 against.

Diocesan Strategy /Mission Community.

Mr J Hibbert had received acknowledgment of his letter to the Rural Dean, a reply will be sent in due course.

It was agreed at the next meeting to review our Strategy Document and update if necessary, AGENDA ITEM.

3. Minutes of Meeting held 2nd June 2015

The Minutes of meeting held on 2nd June 2015 were approved and signed.

4. Matters Arising;- No matters arising.

5. Correspondence

Staveley Parish Council made a donation to Churchyard upkeep of £50

6. Finance

Treasurer's Report

I) Bank balances

Current Account £24,400 which includes legacy from executors of Mr D Repton of £10,000 and £500 from executors of Mrs M Park.

Churchyard £11,155,

CCLA

Deposit £14,669, Fabric & Restoration £38,133 and Churchyard £10,186

Dr E Taylor proposed that a) £11,867 be transferred from Current Account to F & R To make it £50,000 leaving a balance of £12,133. b) £10,000 be moved into CCLA from Churchyard account. These actions were agreed unanimously.

Parish Offer

Cost of local ministry estimate to increase by just under 2.75% due to i) underestimate of pension contributions ii) Cost of recruiting and training ordinands iii) curate per capita costs. Present Parish Offer £8456.

Dr E Taylor proposed that the Parish offer should be £8,700 just over 2.75% which equates to £725 per month.

The proposal was carried unanimously.

7. Worship and Services

Invitations will be sent out for Harvest and Remembrance services

i) Harvest

There will be a recital on Saturday 3rd October – this time the programme will have a wider appeal it is hoped to include readings as well as music and singing with the aim of using talent

Harvest Festival Service will be on Sunday 4th October

The Harvest Supper will be on 16th October as members of the Friends of St Peter's who look after catering are away on the weekend of the harvest service.

ii) Mr J Hibbert attended training entitled A Season of Invitation led by Mr Michael Harvey.

iii) **September 28th Joint Service at Cartmel Priory.** Dr E Taylor sought clarification of the role of St Peter's at the service, it was agreed Field Broughton would be involved with the welcome, the chalice and readers.

8. **APCM**

Items for PCC to look at during the year:-

i) Review of arrangements.

It was agreed that present arrangement of 7/ 7.30 pm meeting with refreshment worked satisfactorily.

It was suggested that in weeks prior to APCM we need to explain what meeting is about and its importance to congregation and parish through the Community News.

ACTION:- Article to be written for Spring Community News (John can you put it in your diary/reminder?)

ii) Use of Music This is in hand with aim to increase singing at Matins.

High Newton links

9. **Fabric**

Mr M Slater sent a request that the Churchwardens look at west wall of South Transept opposite the hymn board as it appears damp.

10. **Churchyard**

i) Gravestone Applications

It was agreed to add to the Burial Policy that applications for gravestones be vetted by Churchwardens before permission is granted, copy of updated policy to go to stone masons and undertakers.

ii) Request for tree planting.

A request had been received by Churchwardens to plant a tree in churchyard in memory of their parents. The PCC then discussed the topic of tree planting in general in the churchyard. It was felt that at present we have sufficient trees in the churchyard. In the long term trees require pruning and maintaining which is expensive and will fall to the church. It is always difficult to find a mutually agreeable position due to the location of graves present and future and boundary walls etc. If the PCC allow another tree to be planted then this could be seen to have set a precedence for future requests. In conclusion it was therefore unanimously agreed not to grant this request.

iii) The memorial seat as discussed last meeting has now been painted,

iv) The other seat is in need of painting. Action;- Mr J Hibbert to approach the family.

Dr E Taylor left the meeting at 9.10pm

11. **Pastoral** ongoing by our Pastoral worker.

Community Mr J Hibbert had attended a presentation and meeting at Lindale church regarding its future and possible closure. No Churchwarden has been elected, there are only 16 on the electoral roll and a usual attendance of 12. However 37 people attended meeting.

Outreach

Invites are being sent out to services and Mr J Hibbert had attended the training as mentioned above.

12. Deanery

Covered in Agenda item 2. Mrs B Hibbert is attending a Call to Serve course in September, this a yearlong accredited course. Mrs J Slater is attending a Growing Leaders course, the PCC agreed to meet the £150 cost of this course and the cost of the Call to Serve course.

Diocese – nothing to report.

Churches Together -

i) The Cross of Unity comes to us on 11th October from Flookburgh, Mrs J Slater to manage.

ii) **Christian Aid Week** in Grange area raised £5,563 which is an exceptional amount.

13. Team Council - meeting cancelled.

14. Any Other Business None

Next meeting - Thursday 1st October at 7.30pm in Field Broughton Parish Rooms