

**ST PETER'S CHURCH, FIELD BROUGHTON**

**Minutes of PCC Meeting  
held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm  
In High Newton Village Hall.**

**Present:-** Rev N Devenish, Mr J Hibbert, Mr B Crossley, Mrs B Hibbert, Mrs V Dixon, Mrs V Richardson, Mrs S Dean

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

- 1. Apologies:** Apologies were received from both Dr E Taylor and Mr M Slater who are both unwell.
- 2. Mission Action Plan**  
There were no applications for the post of team rector following the recent advertisement of the vacancy

The PCC were advised by Rev N Devenish that he had received correspondence advising that the Bishop had suspended the right of presentation for the incumbent of the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry.

This means that no incumbent will be appointed for a period up to maximum of 5 years, to allow the Bishop to consider possible pastoral re-organisation in the benefice. It is likely that a priest in charge will be appointed to look after the affected parishes during this period

The purpose of suspension of presentation is to give time for all parties to be consulted before the Bishop makes a decision on the future organisation of the benefice.

It will also allow the parishes to work out what a Mission Community means and how it could work in the Cartmel Peninsula.

It is important that during this period of change we demonstrate that we are a growing church.

The PCC wished it to be recorded in the minutes that we had not been consulted about the Notice of Suspension of Presentation, which states that all parishes in the CPTM had been consulted.

The suspension of presentation effectively stops the process that Cartmel and Field Broughton PCC's had started with the aim of leaving the Team.

As the team is suspended the title Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry will be removed from items such as Agenda and Minutes.

Rev N Devenish stressed the importance of encouraging community to be an active part of Field Broughton church. The importance of special services such as the Valentine's Day one was noted and is an important part of our Mission.

The services are a chance for visitors to see what church services are like now and to meet new people.

Mr J Hibbert suggested he send out the Strategy Document and the Churchwardens report to the email list, it was agreed to do this.

**Action:- Mr J Hibbert**

**Action Point:-** *The incumbent is Member of Cartmel Priory C of E School Academy Trust – need to advise school of current position.  
Rev N Devenish, Mrs S Dean to bring up with Governors*

This led to wider discussion as to Multi Academy Trusts which are not now compulsory, the Peninsula schools are not regarded by DfE as a large enough group to form own Trust. The PCC noted its concerns regarding the issue of MAT's and the size issue.

It was also felt that during present period of uncertainty and low clergy numbers that the PCC's should indicate their support to local schools and offer help where needed.

**3. Minutes of Meeting held 10<sup>th</sup> January 2017** – These were accepted and signed.

**4. Matters Arising:-**

No matters arising that are not already on Agenda.

**5. Correspondence**

Letter from Pastoral Committee – Lindale Church. It was agreed that PCC would acknowledge receipt of letter but they had no concerns to raise.

**Action:- Secretary to reply to letter**

**6. Finance**

**i) Treasurer's Report/Approval of accounts.**

Dr E Taylor had provided a written commentary on the accounts which had been circulated prior to meeting. No queries were raised. Mr J Hibbert raised the point that if we can afford to at year end we have previously give more to Diocese. This was deferred to a later meeting.

The Accounts were accepted as a true record.

Proposed Mr J Hibbert, seconded by Mr B Crossley and unanimously accepted by the PCC.

**ii) Approval of Parochial Fees for 2017.**

The list of fees had been circulated prior to meeting. There were no queries raised so the fees were accepted.

Proposed Mr B Crossley seconded Mrs B Hibbert.

**iii) APCM**

All arrangements in hand. The Churchwardens report was discussed this and all other reports had been given to secretary. The Annual Report will be printed and put at back of church along with necessary forms and paperwork.

**7. Worship and Services**

**i) Valentines Sunday**

This had been a very popular service with 41 attending and a good atmosphere and many positive comments.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March** – Christening taking place in morning service. Rev N Devenish to prepare service sheet and arrange a shortened communion.

**Mothering Sunday – 26<sup>th</sup> March.**

Alternative arrangements were made regarding the posies should Mrs Slater be unable to do them this year. Mrs V Dixon and Mrs S Dean will organise.

**Easter Sunday** - This year Mrs V Richardson will organise the Easter Egg hunt in the churchyard as Mrs B Hibbert is away. Mr J Hibbert to liaise with Rev N Devenish and Mr B Crossley regarding arrangements in his absence.

**8. Fabric**

Wi-Fi hotspot installed.

Action:- Mr J Hibbert to organise a sign saying free Wi-Fi available

**9. Churchyard**

**i) Annual inspection of churchyard**

This has been undertaken by churchwardens and churchyard committee.

It was agreed at PCC that the hollows at the sides of some graves could be raised and levelled with top soil.

*Action:- Mr T Dixon and Mr J Sowerby*

**10. Pastoral**

Mrs J Slater is continuing to visit where needed.

**Community**

Mr J Hibbert as one of the Trustee's has met with Parish Room Committee to look at way forward. A discussion followed as to viability of the rooms and how to best serve community's needs. To replace them with an equally substantial building in a suitable location would be difficult, an alternative suggestion was to look at re-modelling the interior.

*Action:- Mr J Hibbert to meet again with Parish Room Committee and pass on comments from PCC meeting.*

**Outreach**

Plans for promoting Mothering Sunday and Easter Services were discussed, including emailing details and invite to mailing list.

Invites to be sent???

**Digital updates** – covered above.

**11. Deanery** – The meeting next week will be attended by Mrs B Hibbert and Mrs V Richardson

**Diocese/Churches Together** Nothing to Report.

**12. Team Council** – No further reports will be given on Team Council as a result of developments detailed in Item 2. MAP

**13. Any Other Business** No AOB was reported