

**CARTMEL PENNISULA TEAM MINISTRY  
ST PETER'S CHURCH FIELD BROUGHTON**  
**Minutes of**  
**PCC Meeting Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2014**

**Welcome and Prayers.**

Rev N Devenish opened the meeting opened with Prayers

**1. Apologies** Mr M Slater.

**2. Mission Action Plan**

Rev N Devenish opened the discussion with a summary of the proposal from the Team Rector as to how the Team could operate in future, if Diocesan Strategy is implemented. This would mean 2 clergy led services and 2 lay led services each month for Field Broughton.

Dr E Taylor asked was this plan put forward by the Team Rector? Rev N Devenish believed it was compiled by Rev N Ash. Dr E Taylor also asked had the plan the support of the Arch Deacon? Rev N Devenish replied he didn't know and so couldn't answer.

A long and detailed discussion took place regarding the plan and the future implications for the Team parishes, the church of Field Broughton and the wider community. The key points of discussion are attached as a rough transcript for reference if required.

Dr ETaylor proposed that we reject proposal completely, Mr J Hibbert seconded it and this was agreed unanimously.

Rationale for rejecting the proposal is that it condemns the entire Team to a slow death , and there is no evidence that it will work.

The Plan provided no vision for growth or leadership and was therefore centrifugal and divisive: its underlying pressure was for parishes to press their own interests and was unchristian.

It was agreed that we adopt the strategy in document presented at an earlier meeting, with some amendments, as our focus for the Field Broughton parish.

**3. Minutes of Meeting held 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014** – these were approved and signed.

**4. Matters Arising:-**

**i)120<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/St Peter's Day Celebrations**

This had been a successful evening with 51 attending. It was suggested that we do another concert at harvest and invite Adrian Self to play.

**Action Mr J Hibbert to contact Mr A Self as soon as possible.**

## 5. Correspondence

- i) Rural Dean – Mission Communities. Rev N Devenish and Mrs B Hibbert to be our reps. **Action :- Mrs S Dean to reply.**
- ii) Diocesan Board of Education – Nomination form for Mrs L Shrapnel to Cartmel Priory Governors. **Action:- Mrs S Dean to return signed form to Diocese.**
- iii) Team Council – request for numbers for meal. **Action:- Mrs S Dean to email**

## 6. Finance

Treasurer's Report – Dr E Taylor reported that finances were going well. There had been a collection at Miss D Mallinson's funeral for the Churchyard Fund of £245. A bequest from Mrs E Rigg of £1,000 to church expenses. The Fabric fund will be made up to £40,000.

## 7. Worship and Services

- i) **Corpus Christi** – It was reported that this had been a successful Service and worth repeating next year. Proposed to hold a Last Supper next year.
- ii) **Music Group Development** – Hymn practices still ongoing. Sung Matins going very well.
- iii) **Harvest** – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> October –Harvest supper, Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October it is suggested that a concert is held in the evening. Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October

## 8. Fabric

Heating and Lighting- contracts still under review.  
Wiring inspection/works needed

## 9. Churchyard

### i) Interment of Ashes

- **Current policy was re-affirmed, that no containers except bio-degradable ones to be used in Garden of Remembrance.**
- **Internment of Ashes in a grave sized plot is classed as a burial not internment of ashes and is charged as a burial.**
- **In future use of a full grave site for internment of ashes will not be allowed . Existing commitments will be honoured.**

**Action:- Mr J Hibbert to amend Burial Policy accordingly**

ii) **Autumn project** – fill in hollows in Churchyard. Obtain top soil to do this. Churchyard committee to organise.

iii) **Grass-cutting contract.** New contractor has found it has taken longer than estimated to cut the churchyard, as the estimate was substantially less than previous contractor and work to high standard, it was agreed to pay actual cost.

## 10. Pastoral/ Community/ Outreach

Mrs B Hibbert had attended Safe Guarding Training and emphasised importance of use of Parish or similar web site with ' log in ' to communicate to members of any group. No individual messages, so all communication is traceable. Must have awareness of how exploitation can occur and thatsadly church groups etc. are often target for those wishing to gain contact to young/vulnerable members of community.

## 11. Deanery/Diocese/Churches Together

- Nothing to report
- 12. Team Council**  
Rev N Devenish sending statement to Team Rector prior to next week's meeting, in response to Team proposals, as discussed earlier in meeting,
- 13. Items from Annual Meeting Plan**  
Safe Guarding, Health & Safety, Fire Policies – Reviewed and Ratified.
- 14 Any Other Business**

**Transcript of main comments regarding Team Strategy**

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ET asked was this plan put forward by the Team Rector? ND believed it was Rector's. Had the plan the support of the Arch Deacon?  
ND replied he didn't know and so couldn't answer.

JH – would like to see 3 Communion Services each month.

Concern was expressed over

- i) How school's would be covered
- ii) Clergy holidays, sick leave etc.
- iii) How were baptisms, weddings and funerals be arranged/covered,

ET stated that there were too many parishes and too few clergy. JH asked how much money need to make up the difference ie. Had not been able to get a response.

ET stated it was a bigger issue than money

VD asked if anything was being done at the top to resolve the situation?

ND They are trying to keep a Christian presence in every Parish, not necessarily a clergy presence.

ET Clergy will be a resource for consultation on pastoral issues etc. “ A shepherd in every parish“ proposed 12 years ago. Layity taking over, parishes haven't really used layity as don't really want them. Diocese/Church under estimate total amount of time/training required for layity.

Concentrate on areas of possible growth in Team eg. Allithwaite and possibly Cartmel. Field Broughton link with Cartmel.

Communion possible during week in the 3<sup>rd</sup> week if not possible on Sunday.

JH Our job is to represent 'our church at the meeting, emphasise we wish to have 3 communions.

ET We must face question do we want to keep FB going as parish?

BH Need to have clear statement of what we want to do . Not give up!

ET What is strategy for doing this.

JS Need to communicate that if community don't use church will lose it. The parish and congregation need to be consulted. Have a consultation/open meeting for presentation of suggested strategy when agreed. ( meeting)

BH Need to keep a service every week and at the same time.

Could undertake trial of options suggested at meeting. C of E is in national crisis and is not addressing real situation. We are being asked to deal with issues that we as a parish are too small to tackle. We are being put in a position that requires us to make an impossible decision/un-Christian decision

– with regard to possible closure of other churches eg Leven Valley

The Team proposals are reducing effectiveness and chance of growth in church.

2 clergy focused on Priory.

Alternatively, take Priory out of equation and have 2 clergy for rest of parishes.

### **Field Broughton strengths**

**1. Building is in good shape**

**2 We have churchyard with room in it.**

JS Each member of congregation is important and each church vital to community it serves, however small. Each individual is important in own right.

ND Use it or lose it, open to all, wider community. Any faith, little faith, no faith encouragement to get on train!

The historic sense of belonging is important in parish,

ie A focus for families over many generations and family events. Sense of continuity, belonging.

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Need strategy for future see Field Broughton strategy document..**

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