

## ST PETER'S CHURCH FIELD BROUGHTON

### Minutes of the PCC Meeting held on Monday March 5th, 2018 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall , High Newton.

**Present:** Rev N. Devenish, Mrs B Hibbert, Mr B Crossley, Mrs T Calway, Mrs V Richardson, Mr A. Sykes, Mrs V Dixon..

#### **Welcome and Prayers**

Rev N Devenish opened the meeting with Prayers and welcomed everyone.

1) **Apologies** - received from Mr J Hibbert, Mr M Slater and Mrs S Dean.

#### 2) **The Way Forward :**

A vote of thanks was proposed to Gemma Brown for her minuting of the proceedings of the PCCs' meeting with the Bishop and the Archdeacon in Cartmel on January 31st, 2018.

Resultant from that meeting, a proposal was made and approved that any further discussion of means to advance the situation in an acceptable form should await a response from the Diocese.

#### 3) **Minutes of Meeting held on January 8th, 2018** (date amended)

The Minutes were approved and signed as a true record of the meeting

#### 4) **Matters Arising**

Reports for the APCM on April 24th 2018 in the Parish Rooms at 7pm should be circulated by April 10th and as the school office will be closed from March 29 –April 16th, these need to be ready for printing before March 23rd.

Other Matters Arising were discussed via the Agenda items.

#### 5) **Correspondence**

**Data Privacy Regulations:** In the absence of Mr J. Hibbert, Mrs B Hibbert confirmed that matters in this connection are all in order and the regulations adhered to.

**Review of the Parish Offer System :** The letter of January 2018 received from the Diocesan Board of Finance was discussed at some length with reference to our stated preference in some way to pay direct to the Diocese, also to our own financial situation and the outcome of future developments.

**The QQ report – Grange Rectory :** When raised, this question was not considered to require our direct involvement.

## 6) Finance

**Treasurer's Report :** In the interests of simplification, efforts have now been made to present the Accounts in a slightly different format and they have been circulated.

After points were raised and queries answered, the Accounts were approved.

Proposed by Mrs T Calway and seconded by Mr B Crossley.

**Winding up of dormant Parish Room Account :** The CDBF Administered Charity Fund is now dormant and it is proposed to the Parish Room Trustees that this Account should be closed.

Proposed by Mrs V Richardson and seconded by Mr A Sykes.

## 7) Worship and Services

### Strategic review of role of Church in Parish :

Prior to the meeting, graphs had been circulated showing many interesting statistics for Service attendance at St Peter's including those for the Principal Sundays. In view of the demographics and prevailing circumstances, these were felt to be quite encouraging and to reflect the innovative thought and effort which is being put toward increasing numbers and to reaching out to all members of the community.

**Recorded music for Mattins :** The use of recorded music when no Organist is present is on-going and improving with practice.

**Purchase of Tablet :** this has been made.

## 8) Fabric

**Parking :** This question is on-going.

**Repairs to buttress :** Better weather is awaited before proceeding.

## 9) Churchyard

**Weeding of French Drain :** Weed killer to be applied later in the year.

**Re-seeding of site of laurels :** advice to be obtained as to suitable grass seed to be sown, so as to allow the area to be used for other purposes if required.

## 10) Pastoral / Community / Outreach / Digital updates

**Parish Rooms Meeting :** Consideration of possible future paths for the Rooms in consultation with the Architect Mr P Grout, along with Rev N Devenish and members of the PCC who attended the Parish Rooms Meeting on January 30th. The condition of the property was discussed and the priorities for change were agreed with safety and accessibility being issues of importance.

**Update from Friends AGM :** Rev N Devenish informed the PCC that he had attended the Friends AGM on January 17, 2018.

**Safe-guarding training for PCC Members :** This matter which is obligatory under the Church of England scheme, is under consideration. Possible options are to use the electronic method or an alternative would be to hold a joint session in Cartmel for the purpose

**11) Diocese / Deanery / Churches Together :**

There were no additional reports or discussion.

**12) AOB**

**Cartmel Priory School Governor :** It was considered that it is desirable if possible to have a representative of St Peter's PCC as a Member of the Board of Governors.

Sue Dean is currently our Governor at Cartmel Priory and her term of office is coming to an end. We hope she will continue as a valuable and longstanding PCC representative for another term.

Additionally, a post on Leven Valley School Board of Governors will be coming available and a replacement Governor will be required.

**The meeting closed at 9.35pm with The Grace**