

## ST PETER'S CHURCH FIELD BROUGHTON

### **PCC Meeting held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm In the Village Hall at High Newton MINUTES**

#### **Welcome and Prayers.**

Rev N Devenish opened the meeting with prayers.

#### **1. Apologies**

Mrs T Calway (Treasurer) and Mr A Sykes sent apologies

#### **2. Minutes of Meeting held 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

The minutes of the Meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> November 2018 were accepted unanimously as a true record.

#### **3. Matters Arising;-**

**i) Pew Carpets.** Mrs V Richardson is still trying to find a cost effective solution, various options were discussed and it was agreed to try to find out if other churches had any information. It was decided not to pursue other options such as cushions at this stage.

*Action: Mrs V Richardson & Churchwardens*

#### **ii) Revised date for March PCC meeting.**

The date for PCC meeting was moved to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March at Field Broughton. The APCM is on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April and will be at High Newton Village Hall.

#### **iii) Deanery Youth Work**

Mrs B Hibbert is attending Deanery Synod on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and will ask further question on this matter.

#### **4. Moving Forward**

The Churchwardens of Cartmel and Field Broughton attended the first of a series of mediation meetings arranged by the Diocese at the Swan Hotel on 9 November with the facilitator from company Places of Hope. This was felt to have been a constructive meeting.

This was followed by a second meeting at the Swan Hotel on 10 December which Churchwardens from all the churches in the Team attended.

However at this meeting it was announced that the mediation process had been terminated by the Diocese. There was some positive discussion afterwards amongst the churchwardens who were generally disappointed the mediation had been stopped as the process had started off well. Poor communication on the part of the Diocese was a key issue noted by several parishes.

Subsequently the Churchwardens of the Team churches had a joint meeting arranged by themselves at Haverthwaite to build on the co-operative spirit shown in the previous meetings. Mr J Hibbert read out a statement summarising Field Broughton's position which had been presented at that meeting:-

1. The Team was not working for small churches like FB. In our view it had not been working for some time.
2. The attempted imposition of the Mission Community was not acceptable as it seemed to prolong the inadequacies of the Team while stripping out clergy numbers without benefit.

3. We seek to dissolve the Team as an entity, and concentrate on 'Mission not Management', seeking a balanced partnership with other like-minded churches.
4. We want to avoid other members of the Team feeling offended or alienated.
5. We want to rebuild relationships in order to engage in negotiations to reach a satisfactory settlement for a future structure for the Peninsula.
6. We think this would be acceptable to the laity as shown by the goodwill evident during the Mediation process. The clergy seem to have a problem putting this into effect.

Mr R Rhodes from Staveley Parish is meeting with Bishop James and is giving feedback from this to a further meeting of Churchwardens on 21<sup>st</sup> January.

There is a Team Council meeting at Flookburgh on 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 where the Arch Deacon is attending and he will speak about the Team. There may need to be an extra PCC meeting to inform the PCC about what was discussed at meeting.

Mr B Crossley asked if there were any strategies the PCC could undertake to help find a solution. Rev N Devenish suggested that his understanding was that it is important that we try to work out a way forward on the ground whilst the legal situation is resolved.

Field Broughton are still waiting response to the Churchwardens letter of July 23<sup>rd</sup>, requesting Cartmel to come up with possible plan for the parishes working together, that is if they still wish to work with us.

***Action:- The Churchwardens to compose a letter to the secretary of Cartmel PCC in time for their meeting next week, asking them to clarify their position.***

## **5. Correspondence**

### **i) Electoral Roll.**

The Electoral Roll is due to have a 6 yearly review this year and has to take place between 15 and 28 days before the APCM. It was agreed that this gave the PCC an opportunity to make direct contact with all members of the Electoral Roll. The timing of this matches the Lenten Stewardship campaign the PCC is undertaking so it can be a combined project.

### **ii) Letter from Mr and Mrs G Bradburn**

Mr J Hibbert had received a letter requesting that they be removed from the rota in future and raising other concerns. Rev N Devenish offered to visit them.

***Action:- Rev N Devenish***

### **iii) Methodist Minister**

There has been correspondence received regarding the fact that on December 9<sup>th</sup> the service was taken by a Methodist minister.

As a PCC we accept that the arrangements were hurried, this was due to limited available dates and that this meant the congregation were not given sufficient notice.

It is always the case that vicar is in charge of worship and the form of services not the churchwardens, though they do have input.

**iv) Christmas Feedback**

An email has been received from 2 visitors who took communion over Christmas which they hadn't felt able to do for a long time, which they attributed to the warm welcome they received.

**v) WCCM**

A letter of thanks has been received for the donation of £50 to the World Community of Christian Meditation.

**6. Finance**

**i) Year End Accounts**

The year-end accounts had been circulated prior to the meeting by the Treasurer. The PCC noted that an excellent job had been done in producing a comprehensive set of accounts and report to accompany them.

After discussion the accounts were approved with a unanimous vote.

**ii) Ways to increase income – Lent stewardship**

This begins with a Stewardship talk on 10<sup>th</sup> March in church.

The Churchwardens are meeting at the beginning of February to discuss this and to start the process. Visits linked to renewing electoral roll.

**iii) Parochial Fees**

The proposed table of fees was approved unanimously.

The statutory fee for a wedding is £450 it must be made clear to wedding couples that the charges for the organist £60 and vergers £60 are extras.

This needs to be put on wedding form Rev N Devenish gives to Field Broughton couples.

**Action:- Rev N Devenish and Mr J Hibbert**

**7. Worship and Services**

**i) Christmas Feedback**

Rev N Devenish requested that his thanks to Rev A Watkinson, Rev D Jackson and Rev. S Nicholls be minuted for their assistance in taking services over the Christmas period.

It was noted that we need to give plenty of advance warning of any changes to services or worship. The planning of services is responsibility of Rev N Devenish.

The attendance figures for previous year were looked at, they showed a slight drop on ordinary Sundays but special services (Easter, baptisms, Harvest, Remembrance, Christmas service etc) maintain good levels of attendance.

It was noted that there are several properties that have changed hands so we need to make contact with new residents.

The Christingle service was successful and well attended. The collection for the Children's Society – including 20% Gift Aid - has been remitted to Mrs C Postlethwaite.

Mr B Crossley suggested the 9 Lessons and Carols be held nearer Christmas, though it was accepted the earlier date avoided 'Christmas fatigue'. A discussion followed

regarding the timing of the services around Christmas, these to be decided later in the year.

### **ii) Valentine's Day Service**

Preparations are in hand; Rev N Devenish to prepare service sheet, chocolate hearts and suitable cakes/biscuits to be provided.

**Action:- Mrs B Hibbert & Rev N Devenish**

Poetry and readings to be arranged.

**Action:- Mrs V Richardson and Mr B Crossley.**

**Lent Services** - in hand

### **Mothering Sunday**

This will be Service of the Word to be arranged by Rev N Devenish and Mrs B Hibbert. Flower posies to be done by Mrs V Dixon and Mrs J Slater.

### **Easter**

Arrangements to finalised at next PCC meeting.

Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and Ascension Day services will be at Cartmel Priory.

### **Further ahead**

St Peter's Day Service will be at Finsthwaite this year.

Corpus Christi will be held as usual at Field Broughton on 20 June.

## **8. Fabric**

**Repairs to buttress** – waiting to see if sapling re-grows on buttress in spring. If it does not reappear, repointing can be carried out and the buttress should then dry out more.

## **9. Churchyard**

It was agreed that Mr J Hibbert would write to family regarding the dead cherry tree. Inspection of churchyard due. **Action:- Mrs S Dean and Mr J Hibbert.**

## **10. Pastoral/ Community/ Outreach/ Digital updates**

### **Digital Update**

The website has been revamped and it is now easier to up load items. The pew sheets and PCC minutes and other documents have now been added, making it a useful record and resource.

## **11. Diocese & Deanery**

**Deanery Synod** takes place on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and Mrs B Hibbert and Mrs V Richardson will attend.

**Diocesan Synod** is on 16<sup>th</sup> March at Newton Rigg and Mrs B Hibbert aims to attend.

**The New Bishop of Penrith** will be installed at York Minster on 27<sup>th</sup> February.

## **12 Churches Together.**

**A report** was circulated by Mrs T Calway on the January Meeting of Churches Together outlining progress so far and the events and actions planned for 2019

**CT Lent Lunches** – It was decided to host one next year as short notice for this one.

Our partner is Allithwaite who have agreed to do it this year.

**13. AOB**

**i) Safeguarding.**

Mrs B Hibbert is safe guarding officer and new information has been put on Notice Board, all documentation is in place.

**ii) Church Cleaning**

This was fixed for Saturday 6 April, 10am – 2pm

**iii) APCM.**

This is on 7pm 11<sup>th</sup> April at High Newton Village Hall.

The list of reports required is at end of Minutes. Please send reports to Mrs S Dean by the 14<sup>th</sup> March to allow time for printing and circulation 2 weeks before APCM.

**iv) Closure Service for Lindale Church**

This will take place on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm. Lindale was once our partner church and members were encouraged to attend the service.

**v) Gregorian Chant Workshop**

This will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March in Cartmel Priory and Cartmel Village Hall provisionally from 10am – 4.30pm, details to be confirmed later.

At the end of the day there will be a service of Vespers in the Priory and later in the evening there will be an organ recital, both will be open to the public.

**vi) Pew Sheets**

Mr B Crossley who currently produces the pew sheets suggested we look at finding a new way to fund them due to printing costs. It was agreed to look at alternatives, including sponsorship of which would be in the region of £10 per month.

*Action:- Vicar and Churchwardens to arrange*

**The meeting closed at 9.55pm with the Grace.**

**Next meeting 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at Field Broughton Parish Rooms**