

ST PETER'S CHURCH FIELD BROUGHTON

PCC Meeting to be held on Thursday 31ST January 2019 at 4pm At Broughton Banks, Wood Broughton MINUTES

Present:- Rev N Devenish, Mr B Crossley, Mr J Hibbert, Mrs B Hibbert, Mr A Sykes, Mrs V Richardson, Mrs V Dixon and Mrs S Dean.
Mrs T Calway joined for Item 4 by phone.

1. Welcome and Prayers.

Rev N Devenish opened the meeting with prayers.

2. Apologies

Mrs T Calway was unable to attend but contributed by phone.

3. Correspondence

A letter has been circulated to PCC members which was received from Dr R Baxter on 25th January in response to the email sent to the secretary of Cartmel PCC on 22nd January by the Churchwardens.

Dr R Baxter felt that at present it would not be helpful for the 2 parishes to be actively exploring an independent route at present and it would be advisable to wait and see the Bishop's response to the meeting with Mr R Rhodes and the proposals at the Team Council meeting.

4. Feedback from Team Council Meeting.

The proposal presented the Team Council meeting by Ven. V Ross was that the parishes in the Cartmel Peninsula Team Ministry divided into the following 3 Benefices with a member of stipendiary clergy in each benefice.

**Grange and Allithwaite – incorporating Lindale
Cartmel and Flookburgh
Field Broughton and Leven Valley.**

All 3 benefices would form a Mission Community and it expected that there will be co-operation between the clergy.

The effect of this re-organisation would probably be that Field Broughton loses one clergy attendance per month, but as some parishes in the Leven Valley Benefice have Evensong this may not be the case. The pattern of services should be able to remain the same.

Mrs T Calway expressed concerns regarding linking with 4 parishes with similar congregations and communities, and expressed a preference for a link with more diverse parishes. Mrs T Calway also was concerned over the long-term viability of the Leven Valley churches and felt it would be helpful to look at the accounts and attendance figures and possibly meet with the other Treasurer's

It was agreed that the Churchwardens as legal officers of the Benefice should meet first with Field Broughton if Leven Valley decided the link with Field Broughton was an option they wished to look into.

Mr B Crossley and Mr A Sykes expressed disappointment that plans to work with Cartmel had come to nothing; this was endorsed by rest of PCC.

The PCC members agreed to explore further the possibility of links with the Leven Valley Benefice.

There was discussion over the possible linking of the benefice of Lindale with Grange. It was suggested that a more natural link might be to include Lindale with the Leven Valley parishes and Field Broughton, bearing in mind there are no church services to cover and the addition of a parish with larger population, younger demographic and a school may be a positive way forward. There are already historic links with Field Broughton and the Lindale school is working with Leven Valley School already.

It was agreed that the Secretary and Rev N Devenish would compile a letter to the Archdeacon expressing the PCCs interest in exploring the possible linking of Field Broughton with the Leven Valley Benefice and outlining the suggestion regarding Lindale.

This would need to be discussed with Leven Valley if the Archdeacon thinks the proposal is worth considering.

Action:- Rev N Devenish and Mrs S Dean

5. AOB

No items of AOB

The meeting closed at 5.30pm with the Grace