

Minutes of the Meeting of the Bishop Burton Parochial Church Council held on Monday 20th June 2016
in All Saints Church.

Present: Rev R Young (Chairperson), D Oxtoby (Churchwarden), T Thomas, G Richardson, M Wray, S Thomas, L Byass, H Swann, A Cherry, J McDonald, J Macrae (Secretary)

Apologies : N Penton (Treasurer)

1. Reading & Prayer: The meeting opened at 19.40 with a reading from Romans 10 and a prayer from Rev Young and thanks to all for coming.
2. Welcome to new PCC: Rachel had sent /given out the leaflet 'PCC Membership Made Simple' which covers the work of members and legal responsibilities - Ecclesiastical law, Deanery & Diocese, Life of the local Church and Care & Maintenance of the building.
Trevor has agreed to be the Deanery Synod representative. Rachel to tell him meeting dates.

Terms of reference for PCC and Committees: sets out Structures, Governance and Management Responsibilities, Membership, Delegated Authority (to Churchwardens and appointed Committees but they must report back to the PCC) Church wardens (have authority to approve financial expenditure up to the value of £750 and payments related to the parish share. Any decisions made by the members of the PCC or members of the congregation must be approved by the Rector &/or Churchwarden.

A Standing Committee can carry out any urgent work on behalf of the PCC.

All agreed to accept this document so it was signed by the Rector and Churchwarden.

Rachel had spoken to all PCC members so there is a viable PCC and Churchwarden. She had accepted the resignation of Mr L Byass from the PCC.

3. Minutes of the full PCC meetings; on 18th February and 20th March 2016 had been circulated and were accepted.
4. Matters arising; From meeting on 18th February - Nigel Penton had passed on details of the new bench at All Hallows to L Byass.
Francis Watt bust: David Oxtoby had met with the Principal of Bishop Burton College who agreed the church should have it back but it is still to be decided when and where it will go in the church.

From meeting on 20th March: Fencing – Trevor will prepare a scheme to present to the PCC.

Friends asked about moving the blue notice board. Rachel had contacted the Archdeacon about whether a faculty was required. He replied that he could give permission but apply via the online faculty process with photos and proposed locations.

5. Friends of All Saints report: The Barn Dance had been well attended and very successful .There were no figures of the funds available to date.
6. Benefice meeting notes: Churchwardens meeting 5th April - All PCC members received a copy of the meeting with updates and plans for each church across the benefice. In Pastoral work various meetings had taken place and a specialised one for our benefice was suggested. The idea of street wardens was raised with each PCC having contact members to welcome new people moving in. It was thoughts 'Nurture' courses were probably better in villages rather than across the benefice.

The time of the Confirmation Service at All Hallows on Sunday 26th June had been changed to 5pm.

It was felt there was a need for greater communication on what LICIG is and aims at.

Next Benefice meetings are Tues 5th July and Tues 25th October.

Baptism Visitors Meeting 13th April: New Baptism liturgies making use of the new C of E 'accessible texts' have been agreed. New Baptism service sheets (in HC & stand alone) and Rachel has now prepared a sheet for Morning Worship. Families are given the SPCK booklet but more general leaflets could be bought to leave in each church. Owing to the large number of baptisms we are trying to keep to 3rd & 4th Sundays but in the future could consider asking families to come to a central point for baptism preparation.

BBQ Sun 12th June at the Rectory for families worked well with rain holding off until 5.10pm.

Date of next meeting : Wednesday 21st September.

Outreach Meeting 10th May: Evaluations from each church on the 'Try Praying' initiative and discussion on Christian Aid week - collections at LW, BB & W schools.

Planning was put in place for the LICIG training morning, Saturday 21st May.

Invitation Cards will be available for 'Back to Church Sunday' 18th September Morning Prayer. Bringing people back needs to be accessible , with liturgies made simple and aim for less than an hour service.

A few more service sheets and hymn books are needed for when there are large congregations.

7. Finance: Nigel had sent in General Fund Income and Expenditure account budget 2016.

He says we need to make decision about Freewill Giving for 2017 by the end of July. Last year and this we gave £6250. At 2015 AGM it was proposed and accepted that any extra income should be put to giving. Investments have gone up by £2250. Nigel suggests that in the spirit of Freewill Giving principles contribution should be £8500 (6250 +2250). Rachel suggested £7250. Proposed: Hilary, Seconded: Graham, Abstention: D Oxtoby

Pearman Bequest: £10 was given last year, but not last November. It should be given every All Saints day. Trevor suggested increasing the amount given. It should go to a Church goer. Give ideas to Nigel or Rachel. Decisions to be delayed until PCC meeting in September.

8. Fabric update: Loo & Kitchen – Rachel has asked Nigel to head-up the project. There are more practical matters coming up. The new architect was at the last meeting and had new ideas for test for loo take away to see how fast it soaks away.

Heating Clock – need to consult with David Beynon when it is likely to be done.

Dampness near the piano – Graham Pitaway did previous patch. Trevor will ask if he will do the present patch.

9. Safeguarding; The Diocese is being audited in July so asked all churches to do their own audit. Rachel and Jenny filled in forms for Walkington and Rachel for the other 3 churches in the benefice in April.

There are changes to Safeguarding training to 4 different levels. All PCC 's need to do the lower level and it is suggested certain areas get together and arrange for a joint session. Rachel will ask the Rural Dean to see if our benefice can join in with what he has planned.

Child Protection Policy: there are no changes apart from changing the year.

Vulnerable Adults policy: statement 4 addition 'let someone know if you are to be in the church on your own'.

Both policies for 2016 were accepted and signed by the Rector and Churchwarden.

10. Worship: Service Pattern Review – Rachel has shown alternative 2 options that vary from what is the current pattern. In consultation with lots of people with children they say they would come if there is a regular service. Others do still want communion with BCP liturgy. Would people come to All Saints for 8.00 BCP service the have 11.00 for families? Rachel is willing to try it and see how it goes, possibly from September but there is a problem with setting up for 8.00. Could have Family Praise at 11.00 but always in competition with other activities. Rachel will consult further with families in the village.

Suggested dates for Harvest: Fri 7th Oct, Sun 2nd or 9th Oct. By vote it was agreed: Sun 2nd at 7.30 followed by food.

Remembrance Day: Sun 13th November at 10.15.

Christmas Services: Carol Service Monday 19th, Crib Service Christmas Eve in afternoon, Midnight Communion.

11. Events: Oxtoby's lunch at 12.00 on 10th July.

Flower Festival: This coming weekend , Friday evening then Saturday, Sunday 11.00 – 13.00. Cakes and nibbles are needed. The funds will be banked and receipts be given to Nigel so he can give it back.

Friends events update: The kitchen/loo project will cost £40 – 42,000 Nigel proposed Church can give £25,000, grants £10,000, so £7.5K falls on the Fabric Fund. Steve had suggested the Friends could contribute £5,000 but Trevor said he thought they could give more. Rachel suggested that the Friends could be asked to offer what they feel able to raise, with the suggested amounts given by the church above.

12. AOB: Hilary brought up the state of the churchyard. Chris Charlton does the grass cutting but it has been too wet recently.

13. Next PCC Meetings: 1st September, 17th November, 2nd March 2017, AGM 2017 Thursday 27th April.

14. Closing Prayer : The meeting closed with quiet then Grace at 21.50.

