

## Minutes of the Meeting of the All Saints Church Bishop Burton PCC on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

Present: David Oxtoby (Church warden), Graham Richardson, Hilary Swann, Trevor Thomas, Sue Thomas, Judy McDonald, Ann Cherry, Nigel Penton (Treasurer), Jenny Macrae (Secretary)

Apologies: Muriel Wray

1. Accept Minutes of PCC Meeting, Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016: There were no alterations to the minutes so they were unanimously accepted. With Rachel Young leaving in January 2017, David Oxtoby signed the minutes.
2. Matters Arising: Pearman Bequest - £20 has been given to Mrs Rene Stickney as she had not accepted the offer in 2015.

Benefice Churchwardens meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017 – The meeting mainly concentrated on the preparation of the parish profiles to be sent to Joyce Cochrane ASAP plus the service statistics so she could collate them. Three of the four parishes had met to agree their representatives for the appointing process.

PCC AGM Report - Some additional information was given to be added into the report along with a report from the Friends. Trevor has not yet attended a Deanery Synod meeting and David will verbally give the Churchwardens report at the AGM.

3. Finance Update: Nigel presented his financial statement and accounts for the PCC AGM. The income was slightly down on last year (£729) with a reduction in funeral collections being the main factor. Regular giving has increased but at the expense of ad-hoc envelopes but a little more in the cash collections. In total £1500 was claimed in gift aid. The freewill giving of £6250 was given in full on time. Routine maintenance expenditure was incurred on the organ (£300), clock (£168), fire extinguisher (£66), gas boiler (£112) and new keys were made for the safe (£432). Total expenditure was £124 below last year with the resultant deficit in the year of £857 supplemented by healthy investment growth resulting in an excess of income over expenditure of £4058.45 in the general fund. Restricted fund reserves stand at £19720 included Friends fund raising activities.

The Friends have generously raised £6986 which will go towards the kitchen and toilet project and other fabric expenses.

The letter about Stimulated Giving had been circulated to the PCC concerning a training events to help achieve sustainable finances in your church and develop good practice around the theme of giving and stewardship.

4. Fabric Update: Kitchen/WC Project – Nigel gave an update reporting that the Diocese had asked for an options appraisal before meeting the working party and have now suggested the option of building a new porch outside the main door for the WC. English Heritage and the Victorian Society are happy with the PCC proposed option although SPAB need responses to their concerns. Nigel is now waiting for DAC to send a date for the meeting, he had met the architect yesterday. The PCC still think the tower option is the best.

Fabric Group – No meetings taken place yet.

Francis Watt Bust – It is now in the church but is going to be sited in the window on the left side of the nave. It will be a safe position when it can be lifted to be positioned there.

Noticeboards – They are made but still need to be mounted.

Key safe – Decided against a new safe but David has had new keys cut and will give the bill to Nigel.

Two Steps – To aid safety they either need painting or a stripe on the edge.

5. Friends of All Saints Bishop Burton: A report for the PCC AGM had been received from Bryn Jones.

They are still looking for a new committee member. Someone new to the village is keen to be involved. Planned events for this year are a Quiz night, Longcroft School Gospel Choir concert, Open gardens possibly 25<sup>th</sup> June, and an Easter Egg hunt for children.

The Friends would like to know if there is anything else they could help support. The PCC suggested cushions for the pews and perhaps help with the electrics and lighting.

6. Deanery Synod: Trevor has not been to a meeting.  
Electoral roll – the present number is 35. It will be displayed at the back of the Church. No one knew of new people who needed adding but it should be brought to the congregations attention.
7. AOB: New passes for York minster have been received. Two will be pinned on the noticeboard at the back of the church and Ann will put the rest in the safe. People need to know they must be returned after use.

Newsletter - It has been suggested to the four churches in the Benefice that this should change to be monthly with all services and other events listed. Notices can be given out at the end of services. The PCC agreed and approved this as a good idea. Jenny will pass on this to Sue Swetz.

Trumpeter - Hilary said the Trumpeter for the Remembrance Day service was thrilled with the £50 given on his retirement as thanks for his years of playing and would try to find someone to replace him.

Flowers – They are still in Hilary brought it to the attention of the PCC church and have not been taken out for Lent. There are also still some wreaths on graves which have been there since Christmas.

John Dunning – He has been contacting Amanda as he said he has not been getting the PCC minutes. Jenny has not been keen to have her email address past around as cannot give more time than she already does to deal with All Saints matters. Nigel has said he would reply to Mr Dunning concerning matters about the Kitchen/WC project. When visiting Mr Dunning Ruth had given him Jenny's email so said she would reply if he contacted her. Jenny will after tonight send the PCC minutes to Mr Dunning for the June, September and November 2016 meetings all of which have been approved by the PCC. She will explain this is the procedure and once approved will be sent to Bryn to put on the website.

A Benefice Meeting for all PCC's to be held at 7.30pm at Skidby Church on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017 when all Parish Profiles will need to have been approved.

The meeting closed at 20.50.