

Minutes of a meeting of the Bishop Burton Parochial Church Council held on Monday 14th June 2010 at Mr and Mrs Danforth's home at 7.30 pm.

Present: Rev. M Westby
Rev. A Bailey
Miss H Swann
Mr D Oxtoby
Mr T Thomas
Mrs S Thomas
Mrs I Stickney
Mrs M Maplesden
Mrs S Pickering
Mrs J Pillsmoor
Mrs Wray
Mr D S Danforth
Mrs A Danforth

Apologies for Absence: Mr D Beynon, Mr G Richardson, Mrs R Newton

The meeting began at 7.40pm with prayers.

1. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record and Rev Westby agreed to sign these.

2. Matters Arising

Pew Sale

Mrs Pillsmoor asked Mrs Thomas how her enquiries regarding the vestry pew sale were going. Mrs Thomas had made some enquiries, but to date no one had shown any interest. The next step would be to see if she could place it with an Agent for them to sell on our behalf. Rev Bailey said that we needed a Faculty before the sale could proceed and suggested that Mrs Thomas spoke to Phil Thomas, a Diocesan advisor. He may know of someone who would be interested in purchasing this from us.

***Action:** Mrs Thomas to contact Phil Thomas at the Diocese, and to check with him regarding the required Faculty.*

Repair to Candlestick

Mr Oxtoby advised that no further progress had been made regarding the necessary repair work to one of the large freestanding candlesticks. So far, everyone he has approached about the job had been reluctant to touch it. Again, Phil Thomas at the

Dioceses was suggested as someone that we may be able to speak to regarding repairs of this nature. Mrs Thomas volunteered to speak to him about this when she contacted him about the pew.

Action: Mrs Thomas to contact Phil Thomas at the Diocese.

Church Yard Clearance

Now that the better weather had arrived, it was decided that the Church Yard clearance should go ahead. Volunteers were requested to come forward to assist with this task, and a date to meet in the Church Yard of Tuesday 22nd June at 7.30pm was set.

Pearman Bequest

It was with sadness that Miss Swann reported that the recipient of last year's Pearman Bequest, Mr Tony Waddingham, had passed away.

Church Interior Decoration

Mr Thomas reported that he had asked a Decorator living in the Village – Mr Pittaway – to provide a quotation for redecorating the interior of the Church. Mr Pittaway had undertaken work of this nature in the past. Providing enough funds are available in the Fabric Fund to cover the quote, it is hoped that this work will be completed by the year end.

Action: Mr Thomas to liaise with Mr Pittaway to provide a quote for this work to be undertaken and report back to the Church Wardens.

Donation Received

Mr Oxtoby advised that a cheque had been received from the estate of Mrs Wade in the sum of £1,000. Mr Oxtoby had acknowledged receipt of this and had passed on our grateful thanks for this donation.

Other Lives – Christmas Fundraiser

Mrs Danforth advised that she had been contacted by Mr King from Other Lives Productions. He had very generously suggested that they would like to stage another performance around Christmastime and give some of the proceeds to church funds. All agreed that they would be happy to support such an event again.

Action: Mrs Danforth to arrange with Mr King.

Suspension of Patron's Rights

Mrs Danforth advised that the Diocese of York had written to confirm that the Archbishop has agreed to the suspension of Patron's Rights of Presentation from the 21st March 2010 for a period of one year. A door notice advising the Parish of this decision was affixed to the door of All Saints on Sunday 4th April 2010 and signed by Canon Catherine Durnford. The Notice remained on the door for the whole day as instructed.

3. Planning – Spring / Summer

Rev. Bailey explained to the PCC that Ruth Newton was going to be Ordained on the 27th June 2010 at York Minster. At this time she will become a Deacon, which will allow her to perform Baptisms but not Weddings or Communion Services. Ruth initially came to our Parish to help out and give us some continuity along with David Jefferson. Rev Bailey went on to propose that Ruth remains with us here at Bishop Burton, and develops a Ministry with us overseen by herself. Martyn Westby has had to take on other duties due to Clergy leaving other posts, and is now carrying more responsibility through the Minster Project. It was felt by Angela, Martyn and Ruth that this would be a more logical and stable way forward for us. A discussion then followed regarding the various options which could be taken, after which Rev Westby and Rev Bailey left the meeting to allow the Committee to take a vote on which option to take. The Committee was asked to inform the Bishop of Hull of the final decision in writing as soon as possible.

After a lengthy discussion, Mr Thomas proposed that Rev Angela Bailey should be asked to become our Priest-in-Charge assisted Ruth Newton.

Except for one abstention, this was unanimously agreed. Mr Thomas was asked to draft a letter to the Bishop of Hull informing him of our decision for the Church Wardens to sign.

Action: Mr Thomas to pass the draft letter to Mrs Danforth for signature by the Church Wardens and posting.

Given that the Committee could not proceed further with any discussions until such time as the Bishop of Hull had responded to our request, it was decided to postpone the rest of the meeting until such time as the position had been clarified.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

