

Minutes of a Meeting of the Bishop Burton Parochial Church Council held on Monday 7th October 2013 at All Saints Church, Bishop Burton.

Present: Rev R Newton – Chairperson
Mr D Oxtoby
Miss H Swann
Mr D Beynon
Mrs A Cherry
Mrs A McDonald
Mrs M Wray
Mr G Richardson
Mrs A Danforth – Secretary

The meeting began at 7.35pm with two Readings and a Prayer. Apologies for absence were received from Rev Bailey and Mr and Mrs Thomas.

1. **Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as a true record, and Rev Newton agreed to sign them accordingly.

2. **Matters Arising**

Faculty for new Ashes Internment location in the Church Yard

At the last PCC meeting, Rev Bailey asked Rev Newton to enter the Faculty into the Church's Terrier and ensure that the Faculty document was placed into the Church's safe. Rev Newton confirmed that this action had been completed.

Ceiling Up-Lighting

At the previous meeting, Mr Thomas undertook to chase the electrician for their quotation to do this work. As Mr Thomas was not present at the meeting however, this action point was carried over to the next meeting.

Dampness to Interior Wall – Children's Corner

At the previous meeting it was noted that some dampness was again coming through the wall in the area of the Children's Corner. Although this will need to be re-decorated again, Mr Oxtoby was asked to request Mr Lythe to take a look at the guttering and roof above the location of the dampness, to see if the cause can be found and rectified. Mr Oxtoby reported that he had spoken to Mr Lythe,

and it had been decided to wait until all of the leaves on the surrounding trees had fallen before this inspection is carried out. Mr Oxtoby was asked to give an update of the situation at the next meeting.

Action: Mr Oxtoby.

Church Website

Mr Beynon confirmed that he had checked the Church's details and contact information were carried on the Village website, and the PCC's grateful thanks were extended to Mr Bryn Jones who organised this for us. Rev Newton said that she would take some photographs of some of the events that were going to be held in Church, so that these could also be included.

Action: Rev Newton

Toilet Facilities

At the last PCC meeting, it was decided that a 'Statement of Need' was to be drawn up for submission to the Diocese to explain our reasons for wanting to provide toilet facilities for the Church and to increase the circulation space. Rev Newton had prepared a document outlining the Statement, a copy of which was passed to all present (Appendix 1 attached to these meeting minutes).

After discussing each of the needs, it was decided that not all of the items on the list could be provided at once, given the level of cost involved. It was therefore decided to concentrate on the areas of greatest need first, which was to provide the toilet facility within the Tower and provide an external water supply for people when they tended the graves in the Church Yard.

Action: *Rev Newton to discuss this with Mr Thomas and ask for plans and costings to be drawn up.*

Mr Beynon advised that he had found some information regarding a system whereby some of the central aisle pews could be put onto rollers in order for them to be pushed forward thereby creating more space at the rear of the Church when required. This information has also been passed onto Mr Thomas.

3. Finance

Rev Newton confirmed that 7 payments had been made to the Diocese in respect of our Parish Share, so we are currently 2 payments behind schedule. Rev Bailey had recently paid £1,056 into the Bank in respect of Wedding and Funeral fees, but there were some costs to be deducted from this amount. With respect to the end of month Banking for the Offertory, Mrs Cherry kindly volunteered to pay the cash and cheques into the Bank.

4. Future Events / Planning

Harvest Festival Service:

This is being held on Friday 11th October, commencing at 7.30pm. Rev Newton advised that David Holmes has kindly agreed to play the organ for us and some Choir members from Rowley and Walkington will be attending. The Village Choir has also agreed to join us to sing after the Service. Mrs Wray had been asked why the Harvest Festival was being held on a Friday night, as this was difficult to attend by families with young children and it was a disappointment to them not to be able to be included. Rev Newton said that the only reason that it was held on a Friday night was that this was the tradition in the Village, but it could certainly be moved next year to start at a more appropriate time to allow families with younger children to attend.

Christmas Services:

Rev Newton advised that the Candlelit Christmas Carol Service will be held in Church on Friday 20th December 2013, commencing at 7.30pm. The Nativity and Christingle Service will be on Sunday 22nd December commencing at 3pm. Unfortunately, Mary the donkey who came to last year's Service will be unable to join us again as she is in foal, but there will be a Shetland pony instead! The Christmas Eve Midnight Mass will commence at 11.30pm.

Action: Mrs Danforth to organise the Christmas Events flyer for distribution around the Village.

Fund Raising:

Market Stall in aid of Church Funds, Village Playground Appeal and Village Hall:-

Mrs Cherry advised that this event had been a great success and thanks were extended to all those who had donated both their time to man the Stall and for donated goods which were sold. A total of £97.50 was raised for Church funds.

Sponsored Walk:-

The Sponsored Walk in aid of Church Funds is to be held on the 19th October 2013. Mrs Cherry confirmed that sponsorship forms and a flyer for this event had been delivered around the Village, and the Risk Assessment for the activity has been completed.

Christmas Tree Festival:

The trees will be placed around the Church for individuals who would like to

decorate them or sponsor the decoration ready for the candlelit Christmas Carol Service on Friday 20th December 2013. Originally 12 trees were planned, but as so many people had expressed interest in this event, the number has been increased to 20, with a suggested donation of £10 per tree. The Church will be open to display the trees on Saturday 21st December with festive refreshments available for £1 entrance. Mrs Thomas and Mrs Cherry are organising this event.

5. Any Other Business

At the previous meeting, Rev Bailey confirmed to the Committee that the Suspension of Patron's Rights of Presentation will come to an end in February 2014. Mrs Danforth advised that she had received a letter from the Diocese of York dated 26th September 2014 to this effect, which was read out to the Meeting. Mrs Danforth was asked to write back to the Diocese on behalf of the PCC, to confirm that it was unanimously agreed that we would be happy to be re-suspended, in order for Revd Canon Angela Bailey to continue in the role as our Priest in Charge, and that we look forward to becoming joint Benefices with Walkington, Rowley, Skidby and Little Weighton.

Action: Mrs Danforth

Rev Newton is piloting a Start course which will run for six weeks at a time. It is open to anyone from the Parish to attend, but is aimed mainly at people who would like to be Baptised or are preparing to be married.

A new Vicar has been appointed for Cherry Burton. Rev Richard Parkinson will take up this position on the 14th November 2013, and he will also be responsible for the ministry at Bishop Burton College. All present wish Rev Parkinson well in his new post, and look forward to meeting him.

6. Date of Next Meeting

To be advised.

There being no further business to discuss, the Meeting closed at 8.55pm with The Grace.