

St Mary's Sprotbrough Parochial Church Council
Minutes
Monday 11th April 2022
7.30pm in the Stable

The meeting opened with a prayer by Roland

1.Attendance

Present Roland Lumby (Chair) Betty Brockman, Derek Barraclough, Ray Ekins, Lyn Hopson, Angela Hudson, Alison Lumby, Andrea Offord, , Barbara Perry, Janet Scott, Anne Smith, Rachel Towers. 12

Apologies Revd Amanda Barraclough, Revd Robert Heaton James Inglis, Heather Mears, Therese Paskell 5

Absent Hilary Downs 1

2. Approval of the Minutes of the meeting 14th March 2022

Proposed by Derek. Seconded by Barbara. Agreed unanimously.

3. Matters Arising

a. Memorial Plaques.

Still waiting for Diocesan Chancellor's approval for amendment of the Faculty.

Ray showed the renovated Canon Lyth Plaque and has notified Liz Bramall.

Ray suggested investigating thin film covering for the brass Fitzwilliam plaques in the chancel floor.

b. Cadeby Churchyard The contractors have completed the clearance of the area and the SMITE team have tidied up.

4. Correspondence none

5. Centenary Project Worker Update

The advertisement has gone live until 14th May. Interviews will be on 6th June. The Worker will have a "soft" start in August and the real start in September. PCC was assured that the success of the Project will be monitored.

6. Re-development Project

The detailed architect's plans were viewed by PCC. It was asked if the kitchen/ storage unit was large enough. Derek said the plans were adequate for the application to the Diocese and investigation of the actual required size of the unit would be done later.

Roland said it was agreed with the architect that Bridgets would be the preferred partners to do the work as they had the approval of the Diocese to do previous work at St Mary's.

It was proposed that Bridgets be approached for preliminary costings on the redevelopment as a preferred partner and PCC reserve the right to put costings out to tender if it is deemed necessary Proposed by Andrea, seconded by Janet. Agreed unanimously.

Roland said that wiring for the sound system installed by Makerfield would need to be relocated.

It was proposed that Makerfield should be the preferred partner for sound system / Wi-Fi redevelopment. PCC reserve the right to put costings out to tender if it is deemed necessary.

Proposed by Rachel. Seconded by Betty. Agreed unanimously.

7. Vision Committee Report

Roland said that the deadline had passed and anyone who wished to attend the Church Weekend at Home should submit their form immediately as numbers are needed for catering.

It is intended to have an Invitational Service for members of the congregation who have not returned to church yet.

8. Lights for Christ Learning Hub

Derek said that at the end of the course the group intended to continue in order to encourage mission and contact with the community.

The small Lent Group meeting at Scawsby will continue to meet after the course ends.

9. Harpham Company

The Harpham Company have asked for the use of extra space in the Stable on Thursdays from 4.30pm to 8.30pm and Saturdays from 9am to 2pm. This use of downstairs rooms has been trialled and worked well. PCC agreed a preferential rate of £12.50ph as a fall back figure for negotiation. The Bramalls had been enthusiastic and encouraging about letting to the Harpham Company.

10. Platinum Jubilee Celebrations

The Methodist Church has booked a hog roast for 100 people at a cost of £750. Free tickets will be available by booking on-line, donations will be requested. There was some confusion about this arrangement. If a profit is made PCC suggested it should be split between Christians Together and a charity for Ukraine.

It had been asked that PCC would assist in underwriting a shortfall with the Methodists and Christians Together. Proposed by Ray, seconded by Derek. Agreed unanimously.

11. Treasurers' Report

Ray reported that payments are up to date but actual income is 20% below the budget. Unusual expenditure has been for clearing an unused area at Cadeby churchyard and accountant's costs. Wage costs considerably exceed planned expenditure and long term there will be additional costs and we need new measures to find grants and raise income streams. The Accounts for the APCM are signed off. He has produced a spreadsheet of restricted funds. A debit will be reclaimed from HMRC for Gift Aid and GASDS.

Ray proposed that PCC authorise also moving accrued interest on the money already moved from restricted to unrestricted funds. Seconded by Alison. Agreed unanimously.

Ray proposed that money raised for the Stable Fund should be moved into one ring-fenced investment account. Seconded by Betty. PCC agreed unanimously.

Ray proposed that as the Virgin investment account has matured the money should be placed in the existing Mansfield BS account. Seconded by Alison. Agreed unanimously.

12 . Grants and Fundraising

Rachel has been working extra hours unpaid, Ray proposed that her workload should be reviewed and she should be paid for extra hours (5 hours pw for a trial period of 12 months to be reviewed 6 monthly). The extra hours to be targeted at finding grants and other funding sources assisted by Lyn. PCC agreed. Grants have to be for specific purposes and also for Community work.

13. Church Support for Ukrainian Refugees

Amanda has suggested that the Stable could be used as a meeting place for Ukrainian refugees where support facilities could be offered.

Proposed by Roland, seconded by Rachel. Agreed unanimously

14. Safeguarding

The Occasional Volunteers Pack containing the information needed to volunteer to work at children's activities has been produced by Janet and Andrea.

15. AOB

Roland thanked Andrea, Ray, Anne and Hilary who are retiring at the APCM. The Positions to be filled are Churchwarden, Treasurer and Secretary.

Roland said that there is a pressing need for filling the position of Treasurer or the responsibility falls on Amanda and him.

There will be an Extraordinary meeting of PCC immediately after the APCM for the Treasurer's handover.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.25pm

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 9th May 2022 in the Stable