

St Mary's Sprotbrough Parochial Church Council

Minutes

Monday 10th May 2021 7.30pm on Zoom

The meeting opened with a prayer led by Robert

1. Attendance

Present Revd Amanda Barraclough, Revd Robert Heaton, Roland Lumby, Andrea Offord, Betty Brockman, Derek Barraclough, Ray Ekins, Hilary Downs, Lyn Hopson, Angela Hudson, James Inglis, Alison Lumby, Heather Mears, Therese Paskell, Janet Scott, Anne Smith, Rachel Towers.

Apologies, Barbara Perry

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2. Appointment of Officers

Anne and Ray were admitted to the meeting after they had been co-opted

1. Secretary. Anne Smith. Proposed by Angela, seconded Hilary. Unanimous.
2. Treasurer. Ray Ekins. Proposed Betty, seconded Janet S. 1 abstention. Rest in favour.
3. Vice-chair. Revd Robert Heaton Proposed by Betty, seconded by Janet. Unanimous
4. Electoral Roll Officer. Chris Davis. Proposed by Andrea, seconded by Hilary. Agreed in his absence
5. Safeguarding Officer. Janet Scott Proposed by Robert, seconded by Betty. Unanimous
6. Health and Safety Officer. Ray Ekins Proposed by Derek, seconded by Hilary. Unanimous
8. Christians Together in Sprotbrough Representative. Heather Mears. Proposed by Amanda, seconded by Robert. Unanimous

3. Committee Membership

1. Standing Committee

Revd Amanda Barraclough : Rector

Revd. Robert Heaton : Vice-chair

Roland Lumby; Churchwarden

Andrea Offord; Churchwarden

Ray Ekins; Treasurer

Anne Smith; Secretary

Proposed by Betty, seconded by Alison. Unanimous

2. Finance Advisory Committee

Ray Ekins Treasurer and optional members of PCC will be held when issues arise.

3. Vision Committee

Amanda, Robert, Alison, Betty, Irene, Rachel, Angela, Therese.

4. Church Building and Grounds Committee

Ex officio Roland Lumby(chair) *Revd Amanda Barraclough occasionally*

PCC Derek Barraclough, Hilary Downs

Non PCC Roger Offord

5. Church Hall and Stable Committee

Ex officio Andrea Offord (chair), *Revd Amanda Barraclough occasionally*

PCC Ray Ekins, Barbara Perry, Heather Mears, James Inglis

Non PCC Sue Ekins, Issy Mears

6. Food Hygiene and First Aid Training Co-ordinator

Hilary and Rachel offered to take on this role

4. Approval of Minutes

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Item 6. Rachel will work on Mondays and Thursdays from 9am to 2pm.

Item 7. Ray's proposal for a garden party was welcomed by PCC.

Advice is being taken on the constitution of a Friends of St Mary's Group. It is hoped to progress this with the development of a Maintenance Team which Roger is seeking to progress.

Acceptance of the minutes with these amendments was proposed by Betty and seconded by Janet. Agreed unanimously

APCM(2) 25th April 2021 Approval proposed by Sandra, seconded by Rachel. Agreed as an accurate record.

5. Matters Arising

PCC have agreed to buy a computer for use in church, Roland has it in progress.

Amanda said the use of the screen has been different from its intended use during the pandemic and it has not been visible from everywhere in church.

APCM (2) At the meeting it was said that the church needs to be proactive rather than reactive with publicity. Amanda said that it was difficult to reply to the issue of inaccurate publicity about the Scouts as they had not told the parents about their difficulties. We need to be more aware that what we put on social media may be misinterpreted.

6. Correspondence

Amanda has received a letter from Bishop Pete thanking her for submitting our MAP4, he noted our emphasis on pastoral care and prayer.

7. Responsibilities of Trustees

Documents explaining the responsibilities of PCC members as Trustees of St Mary's were distributed to members and they will need to complete a Trustee Eligibility Declaration. 2 people are remunerated for work at St Mary's and may need to leave the meeting during conversations concerning them.

8. Lights for Christ Learning Hub

Robert gave a presentation explaining the content of the course covered so far. The importance of expressing our faith in our lives as a whole, not just in church, was discussed. The need to review and if necessary change the culture of our church so it will attract people to church was also discussed. Our culture needs to be open, inviting, outward looking and all age. Ways in which the church can be more involved with the community were looked at and what can be done to attract people from the community at large were looked at such as an 'End of Covid' celebration and making the annual memorial service available to all who had lost family members or friends to the pandemic. Other ways of engaging with the wider community include engaging with the Parish Council and other organisations. The possibility of employing a youth and young families worker will be investigated. All were encouraged to pray for the development of our church as it is important that we are open to God and the community. Robert will speak about the Lights for Christ course at the Sunday 16th May communion service.

9. On-line Worship

This has been suspended due to declining numbers. Occasional services may be possible later.

10. Committee Reports

Christians Together. Church and Community Magazine.

Involvement with community magazines like the Arrow is being explored, they cover a larger readership and wider area.

11. Treasurer's Report

Ray reported that there have been many fluctuations due to grant income and Barn costs, by July financial movements will settle down. VAT, GASDS and Gift Aid are nearly complete having taken a long time with the Families Fund money from various donors. He encouraged following the Christmas Families Fund by setting up a Sprotbrough Families Fund.

A Financial Meeting of the Rector, Treasurer and some members of the PCC was held to discuss church reserves, reallocation of accounts for church funds and the best use of resources. As a result of that meeting, a number of recommendations were presented to the PCC for consideration.

1. To transfer £45,209 from Restricted funds to Unrestricted funds. These amounts tabled in the report presented, represent monies from legacies and other sources where the donor has not indicated a specific use, and therefore should not have been allocated as restricted funds on receipt. (Proposed by Betty, Seconded by Heather. All in favour
2. To hold £15,000 of unrestricted funds as designated reserves to secure 3 months of running costs (including 3 months of wages) (Proposed by Amanda, seconded by Alison. All in favour.
3. To place £150,000 of restricted funds in CCLA investments. These would be accessible with around 1 week's notice, but with a cost involved in the transaction it would not be prudent to place monies in this fund which are likely to be required in the near future. It is anticipated that any redevelopment would take 4 years + to be delivered and therefore monies required for this project should be generating income for St.Mary's in the meantime.
Proposed by Robert, seconded by Heather. All in favour.
4. To allocate all income generated from the Harpham Company lease as designated funds for maintenance and upkeep of the Stable .Proposed by Amanda, seconded by Heather. All in favour.

12. Safeguarding

13. Domestic Abuse Policy

14. The Barn

15. Parking Bay

Deferred to next meeting

16. Any Other Business. All items must be presented to the Chair before the meeting.

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 14th June 2021

The meeting ended with The Grace at 9.20pm.