

## THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL OF SPROWSTON with BEESTON ST ANDREW

MINUTES of Meeting held Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 15 Blue Boar Lane, Sprowston

Present: Canon Simon Stokes, Revd Dean Akrill, Revd Melanie Hider, Sheila Tuffield, Simon Macfarlane, Amanda Hunt, June Stanforth, Denise Jermy, Tracy Maundrell, Robert Huntly, Edward Stanley, Bryan Carpenter, Mary Carpenter

03.17.01	<b>Apologies</b> were received from Andy Hudson, Andy Bunter, Louise Oliver, Sister Ashley Williams, Stephanie Grand, Shiela Martin, Christine Martin. Not present : Lyndsey Leeder	
03.17.02	<b>Declaration of Interests</b> – none were expressed	
03.17.03	<b>Minutes of Last Meeting</b> were approved and signed as a correct record.	
03.17.04	<b>Matters Arising</b> – Parish Charity Giving could be reviewed and a policy for the whole year's giving be created, which allows for a percentage to be given away. This will be looked at for the next meeting.  A new distribution secretary has been appointed – Ros Taylor, though she will not be able to collate the magazines.  Anti-vandal paint has been purchased for the parish church and the roof alarm will hopefully be finalised soon.	
03.17.05	<b>Financial Report</b> – For January and February we have spent more than we've had come in by about £4000. Compared to last year the expenditure is about the same though the Parish Share payments are slightly higher, but income has been less, particularly to do with magazine sales and advertising.	
03.17.06	<b>Vicar's Report</b>  Fire Risk Assessment – final assessments received and work is ongoing. Magpie Security are booked to do work on SC church doors. The trees and overhanging branches at the back of the Annexe are booked to be done.  Lent & Easter programme – A full programme for Holy Week is planned with a number of different styles of worship being offered from the whole staff team. The Holiday Club is booked for the Wednesday & Thursday and Friday there will be Messy Church. Easter Day will have 6:30am service followed by breakfast and then the normal 9:30 and 10.30 services.  APCM – 26 <sup>th</sup> April. A draft agenda was circulated and approved with one change. There are 3 Deanery Synod positions to elect this year – thanks to Sheila, Robert and Ashley who we hope will stand again. Simon Macfarlane is stepping down as Churchwarden. There are also five PCC vacancies and thanks were given to Amanda, June, Louise and Mary and it was hoped that they would stand again.  Curate – Revd Dean met with Philip Harvey recently. His ordination will be the	

	<p>1<sup>st</sup> July with a united welcome service and lunch at SC on the 2<sup>nd</sup>. There will also be a united service on the fifth Sunday of July incorporating SM &amp; SM patronal festival.</p> <p>The PPC was asked to consider if they would endorse Sister Ashley Williams application for reader ministry, after a short discussion the PCC by their warm and encouraging remarks clearly showed their endorsement for Ashley.</p> <p>The motion: This PCC endorses Sister Ashley Williams application to be considered for reader training - the ballot was unanimous 12 voting in favour and no abstentions or against.</p> <p>Local schools – Canon Simon said the local schools are considering forming a local academy group.</p>	
03.17.07	<b>Safeguarding</b> – nothing to report.	
03.17.08	<b>Reports from Diocesan &amp; Deanery Synod</b> – A report of the Deanery and Diocesan Synods will be circulated with the minutes.	
03.17.09	<p><b>Team Reports:</b></p> <p><b>Site</b> – SM &amp; SM – Commonwealth War Graves Commission have got blanket permission to put signage up in any Cemeteries/Churchyards with war graves in them. The PCC were unanimously happy for the signage to be put up. The necessary forms for this will be given to Julie H-P to complete. A letter will be sent to June Hunt Town Clerk about this. SC – Improvements to Fire arrangements and the annexe and grounds were previously discussed.</p> <p>Keith Hider has done the PAT testing at both sites and made an electrical inventory. Anything electrical used on the church sites must be PAT tested.</p> <p><b>Youth &amp; Family</b> – have met to discuss Messy Church and the Holiday Club arrangements and will be having a meeting about Sunday School soon. SYEP – there are still quite a lot of children on the books and they are particularly enjoying their football at the moment and time to socialise.</p> <p><b>Social</b> – Various events are being organised and everything is running very well. The next event will be the Quiz &amp; Chips on the 29<sup>th</sup> April.</p> <p><b>Fundraising/Grants</b> – Quotes are still being sort for the various projects, though it is proving difficult to get the quotes we need for the bid writing. We will explore having a Light Party for Halloween.</p> <p><b>Communication</b> – Thanks to Revd Dean for the Facebook publicity he is doing. The website will need to be migrated again to a better managing site as the present one is not the best and we don't have the necessary control.</p>	
03.17.10	<b>Correspondence</b> – there has been a letter received from Liz Marsden who is	

	stepping down as Sacristan and cleaner at SM & SM in June. A letter has also been received from Mr & Mrs Loone who are stepping down as cleaners at SM & SM as well. This only leaves Robert so we will have to ask for a volunteers. The cleaning is done every two weeks presently. We may have to look at paying someone to clean. At SC Jerry is likely to give up the Annexe cleaning and gardening at the end of the year, so this area needs looking at.	
03.17.11	<b>No Confidential Items</b> were brought up.	
03.17.12	<b>Future Plans &amp; areas for discussion</b> – Christian Aid Week concert.  There are a number of areas which have been discussed during the morning preceding this meeting and which will appear over the coming meetings.  Thanks were expressed to Simon M for all his work over the years, he will be greatly missed.	
	Date of next meeting – Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> May at SM & SM, Robert to do evening prayer, Revd Melanie to do refreshments	

Revd Melanie closed the meeting with prayer.