

St Edward the Confessor, Barnsley.

Minutes of PCC Meeting held on 17th January 2011

Opening Prayer.

Present: M Poskitt, G Fletcher, H Fletcher, L Mace, F Thompson, J Gostelow, L Taylor-Kent, J Moss, E Carr, M Gostelow.

1) Apologies for absence: R Burton.

2) Jo Beacroft-Mitchell, Diocesan Giving and Resources Officer, attended and presented a written report. She called on us to give sacrificially in light of our discipleship and said that she is able to offer us support.

Weekly giving and fund-raising provides most of our income and we should thank those who give, but we should not rely on fund-raising and should educate the congregation to give more in a planned way. We could run a stewardship campaign or have a stewardship Sunday. Examples of leaflets were provided.

The PCC should set an example by giving more to mission.

Ms Beacroft-Mitchell said that she has not been involved with any other churches in the Barnsley Deanery yet. She provided a copy of the Diocesan budget for 2011.

Ms Beacroft-Mitchell was thanked for her attendance and left the meeting.

It was agreed that stewardship and parish giving would be discussed at a future PCC meeting.

3) Minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2010 were agreed.

4) Matters arising from the minutes:

(i) Sections of the Annual Report were delegated as follows: Review of the Year (M Poskitt), Finance (J Gostelow), PCC report (M Gostelow), Deanery Synod and Fabric reports (G Fletcher), Sewing Guild (L Taylor-Kent), St Edward's Guild (J Jagger).

Reports should be no more than 200 words and should be sent to J Gostelow for collation by 28th February for discussion at the March PCC meeting.

(ii) M Poskitt presented the poster for lettings which was approved.

(iii) The bill for repair of the boiler is not to be paid yet. The heating system died on Thursday and two engineers from Byfields and their boss Bob Middleton came on Friday to look at it. They have taken away a part on the no.3 boiler and will be back in contact with us.

(iv) The donations to Mara and the Street Pastors agreed at the December meeting have been paid.

5) Correspondence:

Various items of correspondence have been received and placed in the PCC file. The notice of the extension of the suspension of presentation has been displayed in church.

6) Reports:

(i) The work on the tower has not yet been done because of the recent bad weather but the drains are clear.

(ii) A picture of the proposed readers and vicars plaque was presented. It will cost £1440 + VAT i.e. £1728. It can be funded from the Lilian Deighton Fund with a top-up from the Hilda Bennett Fund and will be placed on the wall at the back of church. A resolution that we seek a faculty, proposed by H Fletcher and seconded by J Moss, was agreed unanimously.

(iii) Bob Middleton will send information about solar panels to G Fletcher and is prepared to talk to us about this item. Our outlay would be £80k-£90k but energy costs after that would be almost nil. However, English Heritage are objecting to solar panels on the roofs of other churches.

M Poskitt will speak to the Archdeacon regarding what other churches are doing.

(iv) The final draft design of the Lady Chapel window was presented. A resolution that we seek a faculty, proposed by J Gostelow and seconded by H Fletcher, was agreed unanimously.

There were some concerns about the design which can be revisited once comments have been received from the diocese.

An invoice for £450 for work done so far was given to the treasurer.

(v) The treasurer presented a written report of the draft 2010 out-turn. He pointed out that our income was only above budget as we had received a £2550 legacy. Our expenditure was about £10000 above budget and to meet this we had transferred £4007 from the Edward Lancaster Fund for repairs and £6648 from the Fabric fund to meet the 70% figure for the Common Fund. The total Net Worth over the year had fallen by £10751.

(vi) The treasurer reported that the contract for electricity was due for renewal and approximately £100 could be saved by changing suppliers. As we changed suppliers last year the PCC agreed to remain with the current supplier as the savings were not huge.

(vii) The Events Committee is meeting on 19th January to plan events for 2011.

7) Policies: M Poskitt agreed to convene a meeting of the Health and Safety Working Party.

8) Worship Committee, Pastoral Committee and Deanery Synod have not met.

9) Mara Report: F Thompson reported that the church in Mara has grown and now has 125 parishes and three dioceses. We sent £382.32 to Mara last year and it was noted that part of the Bishop's Lent Appeal for 2011 was for donations towards a chapel at the Bunda Theological College.

It was agreed that we would ask the congregation to put silver rather than coppers in the Mara Jar and that the Events Committee would look at organising a Mara Event. It was suggested that we should make any donations before 5th April for gift aid purposes.

10) Churches Together in Barnsley are holding a united service at Emmanuel Church on 23rd January.

11) Planning Group Report: M Poskitt presented a written report. He will preach three sermons on three Sundays in February (postponed from Advent) and provide the congregation with the recommendations from the report on the third Sunday.

A resolution that the PCC accept the report, proposed by J Gostelow and seconded by F Thompson, was agreed unanimously.

Action will be taken on the recommendations within appropriate timescales. The architects will be asked not to make detailed drawings at this stage but to give outline suggestions/recommendations only.

12) Report from the Diocesan Commission: a recommendation has been made that Barnsley Deanery should be placed in the Diocese of Sheffield and PCCs are asked to report their views by 9th May this year. There are administrative, financial and, for the vicar, licensing issues to be considered. M Poskitt will write and distribute a summary of key issues to be discussed at the next meeting of the PCC.

13) Future meetings: an extra meeting of the PCC will be held on 14th March, if necessary, to approve the Annual Report.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 7th February 2011 at 2.15pm in the vestry.

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