

## St Edward the Confessor, Barnsley

### Minutes of PCC Meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

#### Opening Prayers.

**Present:** M Poskitt, G Fletcher, H Fletcher, E Carr (for first part of the meeting), J Gostelow, L Taylor-Kent, F Thompson, M Gostelow.

1) **Apologies for absence:** R Burton, J Moss, L Mace.

E Carr was welcomed to the PCC.

2) It was agreed that L Taylor-Kent would be co-opted to the PCC until the next Annual meeting.

3) **Minutes of the PCC Meeting** held on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2010 were agreed  
The minutes of the annual meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were agreed as an accurate record and will be approved at the annual meeting next year.  
The minutes of an extraordinary meeting of the PCC on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2010 were agreed after being amended.

#### 4) **Matters arising from the minutes:**

(i) M Poskitt, G Fletcher, H Fletcher and J Gostelow met with the Archdeacon last Thursday. This meeting was called because we paid less than 65% of our Parish Share last year. We were able to show that we are increasing our income and reducing our costs. However, the Archdeacon pointed out that the proceeds from the sale of our parish hall are not restricted and could be used to pay our Share. We pointed out that the diocese has missed an opportunity to raise money from letting our vicarage, which has now been empty for five years. After discussion it was generally agreed that we should try and pay more of our Share while at the same time developing a plan to extend our ministry and raise money too.

The vicarage will be rented out shortly.

(ii) We do not yet have a date for Sarah Arthur from Heritage Inspired to attend a PCC meeting.

(iii) F Thompson said that the awayday with St Thomas's will be at Lenacre Farm on either 13<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> July. The programme for the day is yet to be arranged.

(iv) It was agreed that a working party will paint the vestry toilets on Wednesday June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am. G Fletcher will buy the paint if L Taylor-Kent's paint is no good.

#### 5) **Correspondence:**

(i) Barnsley Churches Drugs Project has written to inform us that our fortnight to support them is 13<sup>th</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> June. The letter will be placed at the back of church and an item put in the pew sheet.

(ii) English Heritage is opening various sites in South Yorkshire on 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September.

(iii) Hilda Bennett has left us approximately £3,500 in her estate.

(iv) The diocese is having a celebration at Nostell Priory on 13<sup>th</sup> June. Information about this will be put in the pew sheet but it was agreed that the PCC will not organise a formal outing.

(v) J Gostelow has received letters from Lockie with a change of address and CCLA re a charity investment event in York at the beginning of May. The Air Ambulance sent a letter of thanks for the £44.30 raised at our Spring Readings Evening.

(vi) G Fletcher agreed to purchase a letterbox for the church gate as correspondence is being sent to the vicarage and is therefore delayed.

**6) Reports:**

- (i) A plaque for our organists will be put on the organ.
- (ii) M Poskitt and G Fletcher have met with Mark Harvey re the Lady Chapel window. Mr Harvey will bring us his draft ideas which should be simple and light and represent Mr and Mrs Stone symbolically.
- (iii) G Fletcher will get costings for safety valves on the heating system to be altered.

**7) Treasurer's report:**

The treasurer presented a written report. A proposal to pay £2000 towards our Parish Share was deferred as the meeting was not quorate by this time.

**8) Policy reports:**

This item was deferred until the next meeting when the relevant policies have been located and studied.

**9) Events Committee:**

The Events Committee is meeting at 4pm today to arrange the Summer Fair and Concert.

**10) Worship Committee:**

The Worship Committee met on 16<sup>th</sup> April. F Thompson is informing the Chronicle and Awake Magazine about Z Glossop leaving us. Ms Glossop has chosen the hymns until the end of June and C Rowlands will play the organ until the end of September. A young person would like to try playing our organ.

Our other option is to have backing tracks at services and M Poskitt suggested that we ask Keystone Sounds to look at our system. It was generally agreed that we could use the money left to us by Hilda Bennett to pay for any upgrade in our system.

A presentation will be made to Z Glossop on Trinity Sunday. H Fletcher will buy wine, flowers and a card for her.

The next meeting of the Worship Committee is on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

**11) Pastoral Committee:**

The Pastoral Committee met on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

**12) Deanery Synod:** has not met.

**13) Parish Transformational Plan:**

A small group will be meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> to look at a vision statement for St Edward's, any adaptations that need to be done to the church, and possible partners. It is hoped that a preliminary report will be ready by the end of September 2010. F Thompson met with Mark Lavender who is based at St John's Church in Sheffield and who has expertise in helping faith organisations prepare business plans. He could be a useful contact for us.

**14)Barnsley Action Against Poverty:**

F Thompson attended a conference organised by Church Action Against Poverty. There is a plan to organise Starter Packs in Barnsley where people are given the basic requirements to live. A further meeting will be held on 25<sup>th</sup> May at Sheffield Road Baptist Church. F Thompson and M Gostelow hope to attend.

**15) Diocesan Commission;**

There will be a meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May at St Paul's in Monk Bretton to look at possible diocesan boundary changes.

**Date and time of next meeting: 2.15pm on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> June in the vestry.**

**Signed**

**Date**