

St Edward the Confessor, Barnsley.

Minutes of PCC meeting held on 6th December 2010.

Opening Prayer.

Present: M Poskitt, G Fletcher, H Fletcher, E Carr, J Gostelow, F Thompson, M Gostelow.

1) Apologies for absence: L Taylor-Kent, L Mace, R Burton, J Moss.
Jo Beacroft-Mitchell was unable to attend today's meeting because of the weather and sent apologies. She will be invited to attend the January meeting of the PCC.

2) Minutes of meeting held on 8th November were agreed.

3) Matters arising from the minutes:

(i) G Fletcher will pass on copies of Friends' constitutions. F Thompson suggested we should contact Mark Lavender, Faith Sector Development Worker, based in Rotherham for further advice.

(ii) There is now a diary for lettings. M Poskitt will do the lettings poster.

(iii) G Fletcher will provide details of lettings to J Gostelow so that he can raise invoices for them.

4) Correspondence:

(i) £2,000 has been received from the estate of Hilda Bennett as a bequest.

(ii) Heather Burge has spoken with M Poskitt about the extension of suspension of presentation. It was agreed that a letter would be sent to Ms Burge confirming the extension.

(iii) Our Common Fund assessment for 2011 is £28,820, a rise of 2.9%.

5) Reports:

(i) Work on the tower is still to be done.

(ii) The boiler was mended last Friday. It was agreed that we should query the bill for this as the boiler was installed within the last three years.

(iii) An altar frontal is being repaired by the Sewing Guild.

(iv) Totty's have not yet supplied us with drawings for the plaque. G Fletcher agreed to give them a timescale for the drawings before we look elsewhere.

(v) Designs for the Lady Chapel window should be at church on Wednesday.

(vi) Bob Middleton has agreed to visit to discuss solar panels.

(vii) The treasurer presented a written report. It was proposed that we pay 70% of our Common Fund this year; the money to be taken from the Fabric Fund. This was agreed with 4 votes for and 2 against.

(viii) Donations of £300 to Mara and £200 to the Street Pastors were agreed.

(ix) The draft budget for 2011 was agreed. The cleaners will be asked to detail what they do.

(x) It was reported that Nick Sutton wishes to return as organist in February. It was agreed to increase the organist's fees by inflation from that date.

6) Pastoral Committee: has not met.

7) Deanery Synod: has not met.

8) Planning Group: meets on Thursday to discuss draft report.

9) Mara Link: F Thompson agreed to put updates from Awake on the notice board.

10) Churches Together in Barnsley: have now produced a leaflet.

11) Future Meetings: the Annual Meeting will be held on 12th April 2011 at 7pm. The time of future PCC meetings will be discussed before then.

12) AOB: It was agreed that we would become members of Voluntary Action Barnsley.

Date and time of next meeting: Monday 17th January 2011 at 2.15pm in the vestry.

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