

**Minutes of St Mary's PCC**  
**September 2018**

**Present:** Fr. D. Rowett (Chair) Messrs. G. Brown,, A. Lord, R. Smith, Dr. P. Large  
Mesdames: S. Brennan, A. Henson, K. Henson, M. McManus, M. Nutbrown, A. Trubshaw,  
S. Wright, Fr. L. Brown (Secretary)

**Apologies:** Mrs V. Dukes, Messrs. S. Bennett, R. Lord

**Minutes.** The minutes of the last meeting were circulated and accepted as a true record.  
Prop- Mrs M. McManus, sec. Mrs M. Nutbrown

**Matters arising** Fr David congratulated Michelle and Sue B on the success of the Recent Friends of St Mary's Afternoon Tea. It had been very well-received and there had been requests for a repeat performance as soon as possible. Leaflets from those interested in supporting the Friends have started to be returned.

David Crosskell has been cleaning gutters and an internal clogged drainpipe.

**Correspondence** None

**Committee Reports**

*Standing – attached.* Fr David added that we are maximally insured and the excess is only £250

*Social –* Auriol said the Harvest Supper would take place on 8<sup>th</sup> October and Ted Treasure will be the auctioneer. Books and jigsaws have now raised £1,342.55. Auriol had been concerned to see there was no money in the pot when several items had been taken but Sue W explained she had removed the money to the safe as there had been several notes in the pot.

The Christmas Fair will be on 10<sup>th</sup> November from 10am-12 noon.

*Children and Young People –* Mavis said the group at Toddler Time was getting bigger. The mums had been distressed by the lead theft and were looking into ways of raising money.

**Roof/Quinquennial** Fr D said that the architect and the loss adjuster had visited. Don has sent a schedule of works for Fr D to send to DAC. To replace the roof with lead would cost around £35,000 with another £1,000 to repair the copper sheeting + £15,000 to repair damaged stonework + Don's fees. The VAT is reclaimable. If we do not use lead we will require planning permission and permission from the DAC. Steel coating reduces the bill by around £4,000 and as this has already been used on St Peter's we are hopeful that this permission will be granted, especially as the roof is not visible from the ground. £1,000 has been received from the reclaimed lead which the thieves were obliged to leave behind. Having given Mr Don Kitchen verbal instructions to undertake the necessary work, PCC was asked to confirm his appointment formally. Prop. Mr. R. Smith, sec. Mrs. M. Nutbrown. All in favour. Architect's fees are covered by insurance.

There was some discussion about the types of projects various charities will support. We will need a patchwork of grants with “community” and “people” being the buzz words in any applications. None of this can be rushed. The DAC needs the paperwork before their meetings and background work takes time.

Sue W and Michelle had visited Robin Shawyer at Winterton who has been through the grant application process very successfully and is happy to advise. Sue read a list of the charities who had supported Winterton's application, the main one being the Heritage Lottery Fund. Michelle said she was happy to help especially with the filling in of forms which is such a large part of grant applications. They showed a very professional leaflet which had been produced to aid Winterton's fundraising efforts. Fr D said we need to look into the wider needs that just the roof. Other improvements such as a glass screen for the ringing chamber and better lighting also have benefits for the community. Other people with knowledge and experience are George Wain and Dorothy Fagge and we will need input from the diocese and Don.

Sue W and Michelle said they were willing to go Leeds to find out how to apply for a Heritage Lottery Grant and Fr. David thanked them for this.

Rob said we could turn this into something positive. We need a working party to put bids together with clear terms of reference.

Mavis and Mike Nutbrown had encountered the archaeologist, Warwick Rodwell, on holiday. He believed the lifting floor in the North aisle could be related to the Beck and possibly ancient graves within the church. The investigation of this should be added to the list of necessary works.

Geoff reported that he had received a quote from Chris Dunderdale for new doors from the boiler house and meter hut and for the hall windows. This was approx £1,000 which was less than Don had expected. We also need a new hinge on the Hall door. Geoff said he was tired of being waved at by the appallingly healthy buddleia growing in the church wall and had asked Don to look into somebody who could remove it permanently.

Fr D. said that Rev Alan Wright had received quotes for cleaning the heating system in church. Coultas were now quoting £2,000 after Rob and Dave Murray had serviced the convectors. Coultas will flush the system and Stamps will deal with the corroded pipe in the north aisle. Prop. Mr R. Smith, sec. Mrs M. McManus. All in favour.

**Renewal of permission to assist with the chalice.** PCC was asked to approve the renewal of Mr F.J. French's permission to assist with the chalice at Holy Communion. Prop. Mrs M. Nutbrown, sec. Mrs S. Brennan. All in favour

**Health & Safety** Rob said the church was generally safe and tidy with just a couple of "glory holes". We have received a food hygiene form from North Lincs council. Since ours is not a commercial kitchen it is fit for purpose in our context.

**AOB** Fr D reported that all PCC members need an enhanced DBS to comply with charity law. Deanery training sessions will be arranged over the next 18 months so there is no urgency at present.

Market Town research, presented at the Rural Deans' meeting identified many of the problems experienced by Barton but offered little in the way of solutions or suggestions.

There being no further business the meeting closed with the Grace at 8.40pm

**Date of next meeting** 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### **PCC Agenda 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

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Deanery Synod report

Appointment of Foundation Governor, St Peter's

Christmas dates

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Date of next meeting 28<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

### **Standing Committee**

**Present:** Fr. David, Geoff Brown, Rob Smith, Peter Large, Mavis Nutbrown, Liz Brown

The new lighting in St James' chapel has been very successful and it is hoped that some improvements can be made to the chancel also. One possibility would be lamps on the choir stalls.

The work on the boiler/pumps etc is ongoing.

Ecclesiastical Insurance have asked for estimates of costs for repairing the roof in both lead and steel. Sue W and Michelle M have been to see Fran Bell about church buildings, grants etc. Steel will require planning permission but we are unlikely to have a bat problem. The lead roof has been laid straight onto boards so there is no void for them to inhabit. We may have to arrange one initial bat survey but no problems are anticipated.

Geoff has been in contact with Chris Dunderdale who expects to do the work on the doors in the hall and boiler house in the last week in November. This should include planeing of the hall fire doors and the outer hall door is still in need of repair. Chris could be asked about the difficult handle on the inner church door too.

The theory about ancient graves being responsible for the lifting of the floor in the north aisle has been mentioned to Geoff Bryant who is looking into it. Fr David will ask the Archdeacon if we can remove one pew to check underneath.

There will be training sessions next year in the diocese about the necessity for DBS checks for PCC members. Most members of Barton PCC do already have them.

Our photocopier is being replaced by a newer model which costs the same to rent but is cheaper to run.