

Minutes of the Meeting of St Mary's PCC
19th March 2018

Present: Canon D. Rowett (Chair), Fr. L. Brown (acting Secretary). Messrs. G. Brown, R. Smith, Dr. P. Large. Mesdames. S. Brennan, V. Dukes, M. McManus, M. Nutbrown

Apologies: Messrs. S. Bennett, R. Lord, A. Lord. Mrs A. Trubshaw.

The minutes of the last meeting were circulated and accepted as a true record. Prop. R. Smith.
Seconded. M. Nutbrown

Matters arising – one beyond those noted on agenda

Barrow/Goxhill – Liz gave a brief update on the situation in Barrow and Goxhill, although there was little further to add at this time.

Correspondence:

- i) Fr. David had received notification of the need to renew Mrs. S. Brennan's permission to officiate as a Reader. Proposed – V. Dukes. Seconded – M. McManus. All in favour.
- ii) Mrs. S Wind's term of office as Foundation Governor at St Peter's school is coming to an end but she has indicated that she would be prepared to continue. PCC approved her re-election unanimously. Mr J. Pullen has indicated that he will not seek re-election when his term of office ends.

Committee reports

Social: the next planned event is the Summer Fair

Children/Safeguarding has not met

Toddler Time: Continuing problems with one particular group who hire the hall and make unauthorised use of Toddler Time equipment, some of which has been damaged. Fr David will write to the group leader. It was felt that a deposit may be necessary on long term bookings which would be forfeited in the event of damage.

Health and safety: Nothing to report

Deanery Synod: The only item of note was the decision by synod to seek permission for PCC meeting by email in exceptional circumstances. Any decisions taken this way must be ratified at a future PCC meeting but there are occasions in which a physical meeting is impossible but urgent business must be attended to.

Quinquennial: Mr. G. Brown said the architect continued to be concerned about the rising floor in the north aisle and now suggested removing the pews there and taking up the wooden blocks to determine the cause. Fr. David said he believed we could remove sufficient blocks without removing the pews to establish the problem and said he would ask the DAC if this could be done without a faculty. Mrs Nutbrown offered the services of her daughter, a trained archaeologist, in this regard. Mr Brown pointed out the large sums of money needed to carry out much of the work in the report, which included new roofing in the south aisle. He felt that this might be an area in which the Friends of St Mary's would be helpful. The possibility of being included in the Tesco tokens scheme was raised. The grants are reasonable and it was agreed that this was something to explore.

Friends of St. Mary's: The amendments have been made to the leaflet but it was felt that 6th April would be too soon to launch the project, bearing in mind the amount of publicity needed. The new launch date was agreed as Saturday 2nd June.

AGM arrangements The date of the APCM is 16th April. Mr R. Smith circulated the new forms for PCC's information.

Data Protection: Fr David said the new rules were, as yet, unclear and potentially unworkable. However we need only be working towards compliance by 25th May, and we hope for greater clarity in the fullness of time.

AOB; Mrs V. Dukes reported that Raymond Ward had been delighted to see that a photo in the Parish News featured his late wife, Iris. He had been surprised and very pleased to see her in the magazine.

Fr David thanked everybody for the kind comments – and indeed the others – on his recent installation as a Canon of the Cathedral.

Date of next meeting; after the APCM, 16th April.

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8.35 pm.