

**The Minutes of a Meeting of the Minster PCC
Held in the Peter Harrison Room
Monday 30th January 2023, commencing at 7-50**

Present were :- Rev'd Canon Jonathan Baker, Tim Carlisle, Jane Chipperton, Meg Choules, Eric Doyle, Catherine Drake, Jane Ewbank, Sandra King, Sarah Merrell, Naome Merriweather, Hugh Meyer, Marjorie Neaum, Dawn Pollard, Richard Powell, Sue Robson, Joyce Shaw, Marian Snowden, Rev'd Wendy Wale and Kevin Wheeldon.

In attendance were :- Chris Chipperton and Martin Eldred

The Vicar, in the Chair, welcomed all those present and opened the meeting with prayer.

01/23 Apologies were received from Paul Collins, Andrew Hancock, Rod McPhee, Mike Dent and Kate Powell.

02/23 The resignation of Rachel Collins from the PCC was noted and the Chair thanked her for her service during her time on the PCC.

03/23 Conflict of Interest was declared by Sarah Merrill as wife of the Youth Minister.

04/23 The Minutes of the meeting held 21st November, 2022 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

05/23 matters arising from the minutes :-

- **The previously approved increase from £5 to £7 on the e-giving device:** It was reported that this has not taken place as the provider company is in administration and a new provider is being sought.
- **Giving Campaign:** It was reported that the campaign could result in an increase in giving of £13,100 per year. It was noted that the response in terms of numbers has been disappointing with only 41 responses. The Vicar observed that "we need to keep doing it." The proposal to issue tokens to members of the congregation who give through their bank and wish to place something in the plate was discussed briefly.
- **Woodmansey New Housing :** It was reported that 486 of the new houses had been leafleted and that St Peter's had seen some response. The idea of a "Songs of Praise" in conjunction with Coronation celebrations was shared with the meeting. Joe Neal and members of the Men's Breakfast Group were thanked for their help with the leafleting.
- **Volunteer Handbook :** The report on progress was noted
- **Conflict of Interests Policy :** was approved by the meeting and signed by those present. It was noted that two members have still to register any interests.
- **External Giving :** The update / report was noted as was the letter of thanks from Hope into Action, an organisation newly added to the Minster's external giving.

06/23 Standing Committee : The minutes of the meeting of 20th December 2022 were approved.

07/23 Resolution from the Joint Church Council of The Church in Tickton was put before the Minster PCC; the Trustees requesting the closure of the Tickton Naylor Fabric Fund which matured at the end of 2022 and that the sum on maturity, namely £338.83, which is being held at present by the York Diocesan Board of Finance, be released

into the current account of The Church in Tickton where it will be used as per Mr Naylor's initial specification, for the repair of the fabric of St Pauls Church, Tickton.

This was proposed by Dawn Pollard, seconded by Richard Powell and unanimously approved. The Treasurer will contact The Diocesan Board of Finance so that the funds can be transferred to Tickton's bank account.

08/23 Date of the 2022 APCM to be held before May 31st 2023: The date of 23rd May was "pencilled in" as the Treasurer needs to liaise with the accountants before the date can be fixed. The date of the regular PCC meeting immediately before the APCM will also need to be rearranged.

09/23 Treasurer's Report : The report was noted by the meeting. It was noted that spending on energy was, at present, 23% lower than at this time in 2019. A contribution from the diocese of £2,500 towards heating costs will be proportionally split between the four churches based on their energy usage.

The Treasurer's report on Parochial Fees was also noted.

The opening of the Great West Door – particularly for weddings - was discussed briefly and it was agreed that the Treasurer and the Chair of Enterprise should discuss this issue.

It was further reported that £5,000 had been spent on the Minster's property in the Outer Trinities – the Curate's House – and that the diocese will meet 50% of this charge.

10/23 Vision Strategy : The report submitted by DK was noted. A question was asked regarding Budget Requests under Planned Activities. It was noted that presently there is no formal system of budget requests but there will be from next year onwards

11/23 Work Stream G : Rev'd Wendy Wale gave a report on worship – see file copy.

12/23 Vicar's Report : The main points were :-

- JB's concern that there may not be a "decent field" of candidates for WW's successor.
- Anna Knowles and Cathy Thornton, learning engagement workers, are to be re-engaged. They built connections with outside agencies, especially schools, now coming forward.
- The new assistant curate, Charlie Shefford, and his wife, Zoe – and new baby – will be arriving in June
- The lack of heating and moving the 11-00 am service into the quire has had positive results. There is a much stronger sense of worshipping community.
- The 9-15 Service will return to the nave. The planned return date is 12th March.
- Regarding the House of Bishops deliberations on same-sex marriage, JB confirmed that he was happy to conduct services of blessing for same-sex couples.
- The "Talking Faith" group has recently got going, using materials from the Diocese of Birmingham on "discipleship". The intention is to use these materials in other areas too, e.g. sermons.
- Hope into Action : The next step will be the appointment of a support worker – paid or voluntary.

It was also noted that the Clergy Vestry has had a thorough tidy-up and SK and JC were thanked for their efforts in this respect.

At this point in the meeting the Vicar led a short reflection on our relationship and dependence upon God through the day.

13/23 Staffing : The committee not having met since the last PCC Meeting there was no report.

14/23 Safeguarding : There were no new updates or matters to report . It was suggested (SM) that as Safeguarding is a standing agenda item when there are no reports or updates some time is used to enhance PCC Members' awareness.

15/23 Premises : (I) Heating update. The report prepared by PC was noted. Several points were made / discussed

- Grants are to become available for churches with "significant" carbon footprints
- The use of solar panels

- Boiler replacement is the responsibility of the Old Fund : Maintenance is the PCC's responsibility
- The eco-church group, the Old Fund and The Friends of Beverley Minster should "get their heads together"

Premises : (II) Parish Hall Report. The report produced by PC was noted. The second part of the decision-making process, a survey of the Minster's accommodation needs, is still on-going and is led by David James.

16/23 Enterprise : The report submitted by CC was noted and further information was given verbally.

- The key people behind the Christmas Tree Festival were thanked.
- The impact of TV coverage was noted as was that of social media.
- £29,500 should be the clear profit generated by the festival.
- G4 and Jethro Tull are booked for December 2023.
- The roof tours now have a dedicated Facebook page and 100% of places have been sold.
- Exciting developments with schools will shortly be forthcoming.

17/23 None Paying / None Profit Events Draft Decision Process : This was presented by DP who explained the reasoning behind it. In the past the Minster has hosted events and inadvertently carried some of the costs or even supported inappropriate organizations / events.

Subject to minor amendments, the Decision Process was approved.

18/23 Shop Report : The contents of the report were noted and the gratitude of the trustees was expressed to Jane and her team.

It was suggested that the congregation be made more aware of the huge contribution made to the Minster's finances by the Shop and the Enterprise Team.

19/23 Faculty Update : The update was noted and it was explained that the St Leonard's application has now been submitted.

Under this section, the Vicar informed the meeting that he had been approached by the Louvre, Paris, wishing to borrow one of the misericords for a forthcoming exhibition "The Fool". DAC would need to be involved, not least to ensure that the seat can be removed and replaced with no damage.

The meeting approved an application to DAC.

JS pointed out that should it prove impossible to safely remove and replace the seat, then a resin reproduction may be an answer.

20/23 Youth Work : The report from the Youth Minister was noted and the meeting expressed its sincere appreciation BM's work.

21/23 Churches Together : In addition to the previously circulated report it was noted that St Mary's and the Minster now have joint teams which undertake care home visit.

22/23 The Friends of Beverley Minster : The report was noted. It was also noted that a group has been established, containing members from The Old Fund, The Friends of Beverley Minster and the PCC to build relationships and better foster the work of all three bodies. At the moment there is a vacancy for a representative from the PCC.

23/23 Two Churches : One Town : It was reported that a joint bid to the NLHF had been unsuccessful and the subsequent solo bid by St Mary's had also met with no success.

On Thursday 23 February there is to be shown a film about the two churches. This will take place at the Parkway Cinema in the Flemington Shopping Centre and is designed to be a fund-raising event.

24/23 Daughter Churches : St Peter's Woodmansey : The previously circulated report was noted. There was brief discussion of the fall of masonry from the chancel arch and the subsequent survey which had declared the structure safe although there are indications of structural movement within the building – probably historical.

25/23 Electoral Roll : The roll now stands at 285, an increase of three since November 2022.

26/23 Any Other Business

- Diocesan Statistics "*Statistics for Mission : January to December 2022*" have now been uploaded to the Diocesan website. Many thanks are due to JS who tracks numbers throughout the year ready for this annual exercise.
- The Treasurer reported that he was still encountering difficulties in his dealings with Barclays Bank.

The meeting closed at 9-50 with the Grace

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, 20th March, 2023.

Approved

Dated