

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S ALLITHWAITE
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING –
THURSDAY 15TH MARCH AT 10.30AM – VICARAGE

1. Meeting commenced with an Opening Prayer by Rachel.
2. Members present: Rachel Stavert, John Tindale (Treasurer), Peter Hogan (Church Warden), Jean Bell (PCC), Mike Lamb (Minutes), Pat Rowsell (PCC).
3. Apologies for absence: Ian Davey (Church Warden)
4. Approval of the minutes of previous meeting held on the 4th January 2018.
5. **Matters arising from the minutes** (paragraph number as per minutes as a cross reference):

8. Vestry Update

Peter stated that the 2 shelves had been installed, Christmas decorations now stored in the cupboard, Robes hung in the Vestry. Still some items could be discarded. Peter stated that everything discussed previously had now been done.

10 (iv) Website

JA was now inputting the information onto the site. JT stated that he had now stopped monthly payments for the old website. ML stated he would give JA any help he needed.

6. Treasure's Report

John had previously distributed his report and ask for any comments.

JT distributed the 2018 balance sheet for discussion, he explained the new format and why he had re-organised it that way. PH mentioned that recently he had made enquiries via various search engines on costs for electricity and gas and had found the following:

EDF - £1,038 less for a 25/12 contract or
£ 930 less for a 13/12 contract

OVO - £ 929 less for a 12/12 contract with a direct debit fixed amount, but must take both electricity and gas.

JT asked what the meeting felt was a good deal, pointing out that one contract does not mature until April 2019. It was agreed to go ahead with OVO regardless of any penalty charges for terminating the contract early.

JT explained that he was re-organising the 'deposit account' to the following:

Roof Fund:	£20,000
Heating:	£10,000
Contingency Fund:	£10,000
Audio Equipment:	£ 2,000
General Fund:	£ 4,916

The meeting felt this was a good idea and agreed. JT will put this to the next PCC meeting for their approval.

JT asked if there was any progress on funds on the selling of the Institute. Rachel explained not at this time and gave the meeting an overview of her discussions with the Diocese. JB explained that any funds will be for educational purposes.

Rachel then explained her recent discussions with the Diocese on Mary Lambert Fund and that currently we had £10 per year for maintenance and improvements and that this needs upgrading, but this was for the Trustees and not a decision the SC could make.

JB stated that any funds allocated should be to people within the village/parish boundary.

7. Moving Mountains – update

Rachel stated no costs had yet been agreed between the 6 Churches, but she expected it to be between £300 - £400 each. She had received a thank you note from Mike Talbot and that Bishop Libby and her team were producing a report following a very successful event which was well received by everyone who was involved. She explained that the Repair Café, following a slow start, was now thriving. Repair cafes in other areas of the country experienced slow starts but are now thriving.

8. Lighting the path

PH explained that this morning at 08.30 hours he received a call cancelling the installation of the lights due to the weather, a new date has yet to be agreed.

9. Roof Survey

PH explained that the roof is either North or South facing. The slates on the South side are practically done for, whereas on the North side they are in a much better condition.

PH explained that the condition of the rubber in the Valley was deteriorating and that the ceiling in the Church is fixed to a timber batten which holds the slates, he explained that any work would require scaffolding with the possible temporary re-location of services.

PH that we needed to ask Paul Grout to attend a meeting with the roof sub-group. Agreed and PH will arrange when ID returns from holiday. JB asked if PG was the only option, Rachel will make enquiries.

10. War Grave Commission

The meeting agreed that this was a good idea and asked Rachel to complete the necessary forms. It was noted that the Diocese was in favour. It was agreed that the sign would be placed on the outside wall on entering the Church.

11. Correspondence

Rachel had received a letter inviting anyone to Walk the Boundary on Rogation Sunday, 6th May 2018.

12. Any other business

12 (i) Heating

PH informed the meeting that he had been contacted at least 4 times on the problems with the heating. He stated that the system will only run up to 3am, which is the maximum amount of time. When we have 5 fan radiators working it is usually warm enough, however, when only 4 or less the Church is cold.

A recent visit by the engineer stated that one solution could be an additional boiler which would cost, roughly, £3,300.00! PH explained that there are 3 pumps in the basement and when the engineer put his hand on the larger pump it was very hot to touch, which would indicate that it was working to full capacity. The meeting thought this was not acceptable and would ask the PCC to replace at a cost of £600.

12 (ii) Safeguarding

Rachel stated that Amanda would be bringing DBS forms to the PCC meeting for completion.

12 (iii) Away Weekend

Pat explained that she had recently visited Lancaster House (at the University) with Rachel for a possible Weekend Away in 2019 and that this would be more expensive than in previous years due to rising costs. Prices for the following venues were obtained for comparison:

Lancaster House: expensive but excellent facilities

Adults £150 for 2 nights

Children under 12 - £25 per night)

Children over 12 – 16 £35 per night) via fund raising for children

Would do a delegate rate/daily rate

Dogs at £12 per night

Rydal Hall: £190

Fox Hill, Chester: £145

Rachel and Pat stated Lancaster House was their preferred option.

12 (iv) Saltmine

JT explained that the theatre company Saltmine needed to raise £800 and to-date had received:

Team Council donation: £200

Lindale PCC: £100

The SC agreed to donate £100 and Rachel would ask Grange and Flookburgh, she would also ask Churches Together to donate £200.

13. Date and time of next meeting

Tuesday 24th April 2018 at 11.30am at the Vicarage.