

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S ALLITHWAITE
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING –
THURSDAY 4TH JANUARY AT 9.15AM – 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. In attendance: Arthur to discuss item 9
5. Approval of the minutes of previous meeting held on the 31st October 2017.

It was agreed to take Item 9 – Lighting as the first item.

9. Lighting the path

Arthur stated that he had viewed the requirements and had 3 options for the SC to consider:

Option 1: Replace floodlight on tree and replace with additional light, one for the down path and the other for the church door. Controlled by P.I.R. at a cost of £60.

Option 2: Same as Option 1 but additional P.I.R. at the Church entrance, cost £90.

Option 3: Install 5 down lights fixed to the wall, operated by P.I.R. at either end and replace floodlight, cost £180.

Arthur then explained the advantages and disadvantages of the schemes he proposed. Peter asked whether the cabling needed replacing, Arthur stated it should last a lifetime and he did not think it necessary to replace at this time.

Jean mentioned that she had recently installed a garden light and wondered whether this could be a 4th option to be considered. It was felt that we needed to have the lights fixed to the wall in case of vandalism.

After a lengthy discussion of all the options, Rachel asked the SC for approval of Option 3, agreed.

Arthur stated he would get the materials and assemble the lights. Peter agreed to form a working party to install, the cost would be met from the Church Wardens approved expenditure and the lights from Church funds.

Rachel thanked Arthur for attending the meeting.

6. Matters arising from the minutes (paragraph number as per minutes as a cross reference):

8. Vestry Update

It was agreed that on the 15th January, Peter, with Pat Jean and Chris, would look at what needs doing on fixing additional shelving and then proceed installing over several weeks.

10 (ii) Church Garden

Peter explained that the shed base had been removed. Pat enquired whether we needed to begin thinking of preparing the lawn mower rota.

10 (iv) Website

Rachel stated that David Hamer had now completed the website and was awaiting input from John Arthurs on the content to be displayed. Rachel asked Jean to prepare something for Rock Solid.

7. Treasure's Report

John passed out monthly spreadsheet and current budget, he explained both in detail, it was noted that we had a small surplus to be carried over into next year. Income had increased and this could be due to the increase in those attending services.

John stated that he was waiting for various organisations to provide final statements.

8. Church Fees

Rachel explained that each year the SC has to discuss the fees for the Organist, Verger, heating and lighting. John asked if we were compatible with other churches, Rachel stated she thought we were but was not sure. A short discussion took place on the use of the Organ for various services, was it acceptable to use the Clavinova or the use of CD's.

It was agreed that:

Fees for the Organist £60 but variable.

Fees for the Verger £30.

Fees for Heating and Lighting £80.

8. Moving Mountains 2018 – Update

Rachel explained that things are moving forward positively, and we now had a draft of a program (printed in the December Parish Magazine):

Day/date	Event
Thursday 8 th March	'Grill a Bishop' –open meeting at the Pheasant/Quiz night
	Flookburgh – youth group 6.15-7.30pm

Friday 9th March	Collective worship – team members present at the 7 local schools through the day
	Rock Solid – 5.30-7pm at St Mary’s Allithwaite
	Ignite – teenagers Colin & Chrissie’s house
	Prayer Space at St Paul’s Grange (all day)
	Bishop Libby at Holker Hall – meet with community leaders e.g. Chamber of Trade, local councillors pm
	Italian Night at St Paul’s, Grange at 7pm
Saturday 10th March	Repair cafe - am/pm URC and Methodist halls
	Prayer Space at St Paul’s Grange
	The ‘Well’ Methodist Hall – afternoon/early evening
	Walk – The Cistercian Way
	Nursing home visits
	6 Nations Rugby at the Keg & Kitchen
	Food night in various locations e.g. curry/Italian or whatever
Sunday 11th March	Breakfast and joint service at Victoria Hall 9- 11.30am
	Prayer Space at St Paul’s Grange
	Team members depart at some point for ‘Messy Church’ at Rheged

The next steps are publication of the events, the whole program will be finalised week after next.

9. **Christmas Tree/Decorations**

Ian Davey suggested getting an artificial tree in the New Year sales to replace buying a real tree every year, with all the associated hassle and clearing up afterwards – delivery and disposal, as well as expense! A new tree in the sales is as expensive as a real tree, and will last for maybe 10 years!

The tree decorations are also well past their best as well – maybe ask for donations of good quality decorations or again buy stuff in the New Year sales.

The meeting agreed that this was a good idea as the current tree is costing £50 and delivery is not reliable. Pat had already obtained prices for a 10foot tree at a cost of around £164.99. Peter explained that he had also sourced a supplier in Preston and would investigate costs in the next few days. It was agreed that the tree could be either 8ft or 10ft. Decorations are normally cheap to purchase and this could be done later in the year.

10. Correspondence

10 (i) Rachel informed the meeting that the Windermere Deanery would be holding the Church Wardens admission on the 4th June 2018 at St Mary's.

10 (ii) Peter stated that ASK had looked at the roof had taken various photos and would be submitting a report to Ian, however, it was agreed that we needed further quotes for any work and Peter would liaise with other companies. ASK had stated that the whole roof needed replacing because some slates were like a 'biscuit' and nails rusted. It was agreed that Rachel would contact Paul Grout for names of roofing contractors. Rachel also stated that she was aware of roofing contractors in Kendal (J Bracken being one) and would contact them.

10 (iii) The heating was discussed as at one point it had reached 17°C but this was only achieved after intervention by the company manager instructed his engineer to attend as he was not happy with the problem taking some 3 years to be resolved.

10 (iv) Rachel stated that at the last Governor's meeting in the school it was reported that the roof to Mary Lambert's Hall was leaking and needed replacing.

12. Any other business

12 (i) Footpath closure

Ian informed the meeting that the footpath was closed on the 26th December 2017.

12 (ii) Small tables

Jean asked if the small tables in the vestry are going to be removed. Pat said we could send them to the Age Concern, agreed.

12 (iii) Yew Tree

Peter reported that he had received a complaint from the school that a tree was overhanging into the playground and could something be done. It could be pruned but Peter thought this would not relieve the problem, only removing the tree.

Peter stated that the trees around the school need drastically pruning and asked if this was the school's responsibility or the Church. Peter will do as requested but it will not resolve the problem.

13. Date and time of next meeting

Thursday 15th March 2018 at 10.30am at the Vicarage.