

PARISH CHURCH OF ST MARY'S ALLITHWAITE
MINUTES OF PCC MEETING HELD ON
Tuesday March 23rd 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom

Opening Prayer: Steve Bell opened the meeting reading from Acts 28 and John Stott's reflection on these words, and prayed for wisdom as we carry out our responsibility of leading God's Church in our community.

- 1. Present:** S Bell (Chair), M Jackson, S Wymer, A Sherwin, J Bell, John Tindale, E Arthurs, E Baldry, M Fieldhouse, John Lanham, Julie Lanham(JuL), J Arthurs (PCC Secretary).
In attendance: J Bruce.
- 2. Apologies:** Janice Tindale, A Osmaston
- 3. Approval of Minutes:** With the following amendment to Item 6 –
(.. there had a been a small surplus over the year *due to using the Contingency Fund* and expressed .), the minutes of the meeting held on January 19th were unanimously approved as a true record and subsequently signed by the chairman.
- 4. Matters Arising:**
Regarding the School and School House, MJ confirmed that all the land on which they are built belongs to the Vicar and churchwardens of St Mary's. The School House Trust manages the land on which it is built on behalf of the church. There are still possibilities of combining the Mary Lambert Hall Committee and the ML Trust. MJ will pursue the options of doing this officially. **Action: MJ**
The renovations to the CCTV system are going ahead to be jointly funded by church and school. The school are not going ahead with the proposed temporary building.
The situation regarding the yew tree will be addressed during the upcoming Quinquennial.
- 5. Services – Easter Sunday and beyond:**
A Service will be held at 9.30am and will be available "live" via Zoom and thereafter on the church web site. We will continue this pattern (not always live streaming) for the weeks immediately after. Thinking about our worship pattern in the longer term, EA suggested that the "Dismantling Worship" podcast from Engage Worship could provide useful guidance. It was agreed that a small group would get together to decide the way forward. **Action: SB / EA**
The Treasurer would investigate extending our CCL licence to enable live streaming of music. **Action: JT**
- 6. CPEA Ratification:**
The PCC has been asked by the Bishop of Carlisle to approve their inclusion in the Covenant Partnership in an Extended Area which underpins the mission and ministry sharing of the ecumenical county. The meeting unanimously approved this church's inclusion. **Action: MJ to reply**
- 7. Appointment of School Governors:**
The meeting unanimously approved the following re-appointments of Foundation Governors for a period of 3 years:
Steve Bell at Cartmel Priory School
Sue Wymer at Allithwaite Primary School **Action: JA to inform the schools**
It was noted that there was still a vacancy for a Foundation Governor at Cartmel Priory School
- 8. Finance Update:**
2021 Current Accounts – previously circulated: JT pointed out that income from giving for this year is likely to be lower as we have lost several long standing members. He also noted that no Mission Funds were allocated last year, so that will form part of this year's outgoings. **Action: Mission Committee**

2020 Final Accounts: The financial summary and audited accounts had been previously circulated. Proposed by EA and seconded by JB, the meeting unanimously approved these accounts to be presented to the Annual Meeting in May.

In response to questions:

It was agreed to clarify our payment to the Team admin office. **Action: JA to contact St Paul's**

Future accounts will separate this cost from photocopying costs. **Action: JT**

The detail behind the "Fees" income and expenditure to be analysed: **Action: JT**

9. Update on "Team Re-organisation" meetings:

(churchwardens reporting) The latest "proposal" including Allthwaite and Flookburgh sharing a full time Minister is to be reviewed at an Archdeaconry meeting on April 14th. It would then progress to the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee and eventually the Church Commissioners. This is likely to take at least 12 months and any recommendation has to eventually be approved by all PCC's in the Team. It is also subject to the resolution of Rachel Stavert's situation.

J Bruce advised the PCC to be aware of the current shortfall in Parish Share in the proposed Allithwaite + Flookburgh benefice, and also pointed out that since the resignation of Nick Ash there has been a significant shortfall in the provision of pastoral ministry, perhaps as much as £200K. When considering any proposal the PCC was advised to take these issues very seriously and to ensure that any concerns they have are properly addressed.

10. Parish Share:

The meeting was asked to review our Parish Share offering for 2021 in the light of the current situation regarding Ministry provision across the Team and the expected departure of the Team Rector in July.

(Our contribution in 2020 was £43,200, equating to £3,600 per month.)

During the discussion a number of suggestions were made including:

- Withholding a percentage of the share by stages
- Using any reduction for legal costs to help resolve the situation
- Putting aside all of the share to re-instate at a later date.

The consensus of the meeting was that any gesture was partly about putting on pressure to get the various situations resolved, but mainly making the point that the money we are contributing is not being used wisely in the furthering of God's Kingdom in our area.

It was agreed that a small group (Chair, Wardens and Treasurer) would meet to produce a proposal and accompanying letter explaining our reasons to the Bishops etc. **Action: SB, MJ, JL, JT**

11. Annual Parochial Church Meeting:

The APCM will be held on May 13th, almost certainly via Zoom.

Elections will be held for: 2 Churchwardens, 2 Deanery Synod representatives, and 2 PCC members:- Andrew Sherwin and Andrew Robinson having served a term of 3 years.

Information regarding the meeting and election forms will be made available via the weekly "In Touch" email. **Action: JA**

12. Any Other Business:

Community involvement: a recent Lent Group meeting had raised the suggestion that the church get involved in some community projects. All members are asked to think about ideas. **Action: All**

13. Date of Next Meeting:

May 13th – APCM

Next PCC meeting – early June.

Action: SB /JA