

## **Beltingham with Henshaw PCC**

**Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017 at 7.30  
in Henshaw Church Room**

### **Present**

Rev.Dr.B.Carter (Chairman) Mrs C.Adams, Mr N.Clayburn, Mrs M.J.Fleming (Treas.)  
Mrs Y.Hewitt, Mrs D.Palmer, Mrs H.Rowlands, Mr.A.Storrie and Miss J.Simpson (Sec.)

### **1. Prayer and Welcome**

The Vicar welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer.

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Mrs A.Galbraith, Mr N. Collingwood, Mr W. Green,  
Mrs P.Storey and Mr M.Iley

### **3. Minutes of 19th January and matters arising**

Licences for new Chalice Administrators have arrived and **the Vicar will arrange a training session**. Once training has taken place, the current rota can be expanded.

**The Minutes were approved and signed.**

### **4. Resources**

#### **(a) APCM**

The date has been changed to Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April after Morning Service at Beltingham.  
A brief PCC meeting will take place after Morning Service on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March for  
approval of Accounts, Agenda and Reports.

Alf Adams is willing to continue as Independent Examiner for another year.

**The secretary will e mail Anne Galbraith asking her to speak to John regarding him  
continuing as Gift Aid Recorder for the coming year.**

The terrier, logbooks and inventory for both churches are available for inspection.

#### **(b) Finances (information filed)**

The full half share costs of having a vicar have been met.

Nigel Clayburn was thanked for the grant from the Smith Trust.

As there has been no Burns Supper or Major Appeal, income from fundraising is  
lower than last year.

A Gift Day will take place this year when every house in the parish will receive a  
letter.

**PCC members were asked to look at the information circulated in preparation for  
the meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> March.**

### **Present balances**

Repair Fund                    £19676.10  
General Fund (current)   £1163.43  
General Fund (deposit)   £36068.56

(c) Church Buildings

#### **Beltingham**

Anne Galbraith is seeking advice from the audio equipment supplier to overcome issues evident at the first trial. Approval from the Archdeacon is being sought before a permanent system can be installed.

#### **Henshaw**

The light has now been fixed.  
Alf Adams has repaired a leak in the kitchen.

(d) War Grave Signage

#### **Resolution**

**Doreen Palmer proposed that approval is given to the War Graves Commission, to proceed with erecting signs at Beltingham and Henshaw Churchyards, in conformity with proposals for siting made by the Churchwardens.**

**Hilda Rowlands seconded the proposal.**

**All agreed and the Resolution was duly passed.**

(e) Resources Group

Members helped finalise 2016 figures and 2017 budget.

Legacies paperwork has been obtained from the Diocese **and will be discussed at the next PCC meeting.**

Nigel Collingwood and the Vicar attended a meeting in the Abbey about the Direct Debit Scheme **and this will be discussed at the next PCC meeting.**

A quote has been obtained from MGM Ltd for work to sort out the draught problem in Henshaw -

Phase 1 - doors

**Adrian Storrie proposed that work on doors (phase 1) should go ahead at a cost of £699 +vat.**

**Carol Adams seconded the proposal and all agreed that work on phase 1 should go ahead.**

## **5. Worship and Prayer**

(a) Henshaw Organ (notes filed)

Nigel Clayburn was thanked for all the work carried out regarding the possible purchase of a midi sequencer.

For the time being, the use of a CD player will be explored and **Nigel Clayburn will move forward with the purchase of an appropriate CD player.**

(b) God's Tent (notes filed)

PCC members agreed to a six month trial of this new activity aiming to engage with children (8+?) for whom Messy Church may not be appropriate.

Funds in the region of £1000 will be required, with this community paying £750 and Haydon Bridge £250. Any funding received from external sources would be put back proportionally into the two parishes.

Initially, it may be possible to borrow a tent from the National Park.

A team of helpers including parents will be required.

## **6. Children and Families**

(a) Pastoral Care

A parishioner is now in care.

A neighbour of Doreen Palmer has been poorly but is now out and about again.

PCC members were encouraged to speak to the Vicar if someone has not been seen for a while.

(b) Safeguarding

There are no issues to report.

**The Vicar will organise a meeting to update safeguarding information.**

(c) Baptism Resources

The purchase of good baptism resources would cost approximately £150 per year.

The MU will be asked to make a contribution and parishes will make up the shortfall.

PCC members were happy for the purchase of resources to take place.

Five or six baptisms across the benefice have been booked.

## **7. Communication**

(a) Website Update

Representatives from both parishes attended a workshop led by Steve Gibbon who is now working on a prototype.

A competition will be held to produce ideas for a suitable welcome page.

It is hoped that the website will be live by September although there will still need to be further development afterwards. A bigger newsletter will also be launched with some small scale local advertising to enable a wider free distribution.

(b) MAP Communication

Carole Adams will coordinate the updating of noticeboards if MAP groups send information to her – short headlines, words or thought bubbles would be useful.

## **8. Any other Business**

Annual grants to charities have been determined. The Resources Group will be asked to produce a proposal for the Standing Committee to spend £500 and make some extra funding available for WERS. **The secretary will contact Nigel Collingwood to arrange this.**

**9. Date of next meeting      Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May**

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March – brief meeting to approve Accounts, Reports and APCM  
Agenda**

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – APCM**

**The meeting closed with prayer at 8.46 pm**