

Beltingham with Henshaw PCC

**Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 10th November 2016 at 7.30
in Henshaw Church Room**

Present

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

1. Prayer and Welcome

Anne Galbraith (Vice Chair) welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Mr W. Green, Mrs H.Rudge , Mrs P.Storey and Mr M.Iley

3. Minutes of 29th September and matters arising

Henshaw organ – a demonstration of a sequencer to digitally record music, will take place on Wednesday at 11am after the organ is serviced.

Unless anyone else volunteers, Anne Galbraith will stand in for Elizabeth Scott in producing the Parish Magazine when she is away.

A letter of thanks has been received from Peter Robinson for participation in the Archdeacon's visit.

The Minutes were approved and signed.

4. Mission Action Plan

- The Vicar is arranging to have the M.A.P published and **will draft a letter to include with the Bishop's copy**
- Groups are meeting on 17th November for a social event and to discuss working on areas identified in the document. **Anne Galbraith will organise refreshments.**
- The Joint Service on Advent Sunday will be used to launch the M.A.P
- The M.A.P will be used to formulate PCC Agendas.

5. Chalice Administration

An increase in the number of Chalice Administrators is required.

Proposal

Anne Galbraith proposed that Carol Adams, Nigel Collingwood, John Galbraith and William Green are asked to become Chalice Administrators.

Adrian Storrie seconded the proposal.

**All agreed and Licences for the above people will be sought.
The Vicar will speak to William Green before contacting the Bishop.**

6. Pastoral Care

The Vicar continues to provide Home Communion for several people.

A couple continues to need support.

A couple will be leaving this parish in mid December and "Open House" will be held in the Parish Room on Sunday 4th December to bid them farewell. **Doreen Palmer will produce a card for friends to sign and Nigel Collingwood will arrange for flowers to be sent once the move has taken place.**

7. War Graves Project (information filed)

It was agreed that the parish should proceed with this project.

Adrian Storrie and Carol Adams (Henshaw) and Anne Galbraith and MaryJo Fleming (Beltingham) will work through the list of things to do and report back at the next PCC meeting when a Resolution can be passed.

8. Finance (notes filed)

There is a surplus of approximately £1000.

The Harvest Supper raised £200.

The Leak Club has donated £70 to Messy Church.

A new Grant Aid scheme is coming out where money can be spent on quinquennial repairs.

The Dickinsons would like the money from the Memorial Service (£625 with Gift Aid) to be used for Beltingham Church.

Some money might be saved if insurance providers are changed when renewal quotes arrive. (information filed)

Parish Share

This parish has been asked to give £24625 which includes a contribution to the Hexham Deanery shortfall.

Proposal

Anne Galbraith proposed that the sum of £24625 be paid.

Nigel Collingwood seconded the proposal.

All agreed that the full amount of £24625 be paid

Nigel Collingwood was also instructed to give an amount up to £375 at the next Deanery meeting if there is still a shortfall.

Gift Day

Last year, over £2400 was raised but there has not been a Gift Day this year. **The Resources Group will discuss the possibility of having another one next year and determine when it would take place.**

Present balances

Repair Fund £23997.62
General Fund (current) £3799.99
General Fund (deposit) £33447.83

9. Safeguarding Issues

There have been no issues since the last PCC meeting.

10. Parish Policies

A policy regarding legacies is needed. **The Resources Group may be able to explore this matter further.**

11. Church Buildings

Beltingham

Jon Lester will clear gutters when he next works on the roof.

Anne Galbraith is still trying to obtain the Glass Report.

Dates for leaf clearing need to be organised. Libby Scott can no longer remove leaves. Nigel Collingwood and Anne Galbraith have dumpy bags which could be used. The gravel has been a great improvement.

Anne Galbraith will e mail Peter Robinson regarding the possibility of acquiring a hearing loop for Beltingham and possibly Henshaw as well.

Henshaw

Fire extinguishers have been serviced and where necessary, replaced.

Tony Pesarra will start decorating next week.

The outside light needs attention – **Adrian Storrie will investigate.**

Quotes may be sought for a radio hand microphone.

Both Churches

Access surveys need to be carried out. **Dave Thornhill will be asked about ones carried out in Haydon Bridge.**

12. Future Events

Christmas Services – the same events as last year will take place this year although dates will differ.

Parish Christmas Card - **Doreen Palmer will organise delivery of the Parish Christmas Card using those who volunteered via Time and Talents Survey.**

Sale of Christmas cards

- Some will be put in Beltingham Church.
- **Nigel Collingwood will speak to Michael about selling cards in the Village Store.**
- **The Vicar will find out more information about the Village Hall Craft Fair and see if someone will sell cards on one of the stalls.**
- Some could be sold at the Shaftoe Singers Concert

Concert on 8th December

Anne Galbraith and Carol Adams have discussed planning of the concert and will liaise with Moira.

13. Any other Business

Carol Adams has produced a new rota to begin on 27th November.

The collection this Sunday will be donated to the British Legion.

A note will be put on the Pew Sheet asking for suggestions for local worthy causes for this year's charitable giving.

14. Date of next meeting – 12th January 2017

The meeting closed with prayer at 8.55 pm