

## **Beltingham with Henshaw PCC**

**Minutes of meeting held on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017 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 Y.Hewitt, Mrs H.Rudge,  
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 Mr W. Green, Mrs P.Storey and Mr M.lley

### **3. Minutes of 10th November and matters arising**

The Vicar explained why the structure of PCC Agendas has been changed and how there is a link with the work of the Mission Action Plan groups.

Matters arising will be covered later in the Agenda.

**The Minutes were approved and signed.**

### **4. Worship and Prayer**

(a) Review of Christmas Services

Holding the Carol Service in the afternoon was a great success. The event on 27<sup>th</sup> December worked very well and was supported by a number of people who do not normally attend church. **The Communications Group will discuss how to improve advertising for next year.**

(b) Chalice Administration

**The Vicar will ring William Green to find out if he is willing to become a chalice administrator and will then approach the Bishop for licences.**

Until training can be given to new chalice administrators, the current rota will be altered.

(c) Henshaw Organ (notes filed)

**PCC members will read the information provided by Nigel Clayburn and discuss the possible purchase of a midi**

**sequencer at the next meeting.** Nigel was thanked for all the work he has done regarding this matter.

(d) It was decided that as there is a service on Ash Wednesday in Haydon Bridge and a school one in Greenhead, there would not be another service in this parish. All are welcome to attend the school service and lifts could be offered to those without transport.

(e) Lent Group/Bible Study Group will be discussed at the next meeting of the Worship and Prayer Group.

## **5. Children and Families**

(a) Leading your Church into Growth (LyCIG)

This benefice has been invited to participate in the LyCIG programme and the Vicar and Carol Adams will attend the Taster Day on 4<sup>th</sup> February. A residential course will take place in May followed by an event at Ashington in October.

(b) The Children and Families Group met today and have identified several areas to develop –

- Including children in services such as Palm Sunday and Harvest Festival
- Regular advertising of activities in the Parish Magazine and the production of flyers
- Encouraging more people to volunteer to help with Messy church
- Producing child friendly resources about the church
- Offering activities for older children

(c) Pastoral Care

A parishioner who has been in hospital has now returned home.

A former parishioner is in Lowgate Nursing home.

Stanley and Marion Prins are settling into their new home in Durham.

**The Vicar will discuss with a couple who have joined from Haltwhistle how they can become more involved in the life of the church.**

(d) Safeguarding

There are no incidents to report. Further training for the Safeguarding Team is being organised.

## **6. Communication**

(a) Parish Christmas Cards

Those who helped with distribution received Thankyou Cards from Doreen.

Almost every household in the parish received a card and a number have expressed appreciation for the cards.

(b) Sale of Christmas Cards

It has been difficult to keep track of all cards but £135 has been raised with 225 cards having been sold.

(c) The Communication Group has been discussing -

- How to enhance and make the Parish Magazine more user-friendly and include advertisements
- How the website can be developed - **Anne Galbraith will contact Steve Gibbon again**
- How to improve communication of information to be put in the Courant

Michael Sadgrove has set up a benefice Twitter account.  
Anne Galbraith has information about an access audit which will be considered.

## **7. Resources**

(a) Finance

Although some readjustments need to be made, finances are looking fairly healthy.

A Standing Order for £1900 per month has been set up to cover the Parish Share.

There are some launch events taking place in Hexham and Alnwick to explore the Direct Debit scheme. **The Resources Group will discuss this.**

Mary Jo Fleming, Anne Galbraith and Adrian Storrie will act as signatories when dealing with Tynedale Community Bank.

**The Resources Group will discuss legacies and report back to the PCC.**

A draft fundraising budget has been completed.

The Maintenance Diary has to be kept up to date and a quarterly report will be given to the PCC. John Galbraith will give regular updates on plate figures.

### **Present balances**

Repair Fund	£24115.34
General Fund (current)	£2971.92
General Fund (deposit)	£29831.13

(b) Church Buildings

#### **Beltingham**

The Glass Report has finally arrived.

Gutters have been cleared by J.Lester.

The combined total for an audio system and loop is £2500 (including vat on labour element). **Anne Galbraith will visit Kirkwhelpington to view a system there.**

#### **Henshaw**

The organ has been serviced at a cost of £445.

Work on the roof has been carried out by J.Lester at a cost of £815 but there may still be a leak so he will need to return.  
T.Pesarra has carried out decorating at a cost of £845.  
Nigel Clayburn has successfully programmed the heating system so it comes on at appropriate times.

(c) War Grave Signage

Anne Galbraith and Mary Jo Fleming have identified suitable places at Beltingham and are ready to complete the relevant forms.

**Adrian Storrie and Carol Adams will work through the list of things to do in order to move forward with signage at Henshaw.**

(d) APCM

(i) The provisional date for the APCM is Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Henshaw.

(ii) Reports are to be sent to the PCC Secretary by Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February for

acceptance on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

(iii) Deanery Synod Elections are due to take place this year. There will be two vacancies as Pauline Storey and Helen Rudge are not intending to stand for election again. Nigel Collingwood is willing to stand for election.

**8. Any other Business**

Outside lights at Henshaw need further attention.

The M.U is holding a Shrove Tuesday lunch on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

**9. Date of next meeting - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March**

**The meeting closed with prayer at 8.55pm**