

Parish of Tickhill St. Mary with Stainton St. Winifrid

MINUTES

Parochial Church Council meeting 11.03.2024 at 7.30 p.m. in St. Mary's Church

Canon P Richardson, Chair	✓	Mrs M Culloden	✓	Mr P Beavers	✓
Mr D Horrigan	✓	Mr E Towner	✓	Mrs J Hosker	
Mr J Hoare	A	Mrs B Lowe	✓	Mrs S McCarthy	✓
Mrs L Johnson	✓	Mr P Chappell	✓	Mr M Dent	✓
Mr D Morley	✓	Mrs N Sweed	✓	Mrs J Nathan	✓

PCC0324/01	01	Opening the Meeting Prayers were led by the Chair, followed by the Lord's Prayer		
PCC0324/02	02	Apologies for Absence As above.		
PCC0324/03	03	Minutes of the PCC meeting on 06.11.2023 The minutes were accepted as a true reflection of the business conducted and will now be published, including the church website. The PCC ratified the publishing of PCC minutes onto the church website as a continuous and ongoing process.	PB	Forthwith
PCC0324/04	04	Matters Arising It was agreed by the PCC at an earlier meeting that the Halo Heating System, was not in keeping with a Grade 1 Listed Building, supported by the QI Architect and no further action will be taken with this issue.	PB	Forthwith
PCC0324/05		Thanks were extended by a member of the PCC for the work done in relighting both porches with LED units.		
PCC0324/06		Mrs Joan Nathan was thanked for taking the chair at the PCC meeting on 15.01.2024 in the Chairs absence. Following a proposal by the Chair and duly seconded, a unanimous vote elected her as Vice Chairman in the absence of Churchwardens.		
PCC0324/07	05	Safeguarding No reported incidents. Thanks were extended to the Safeguarding Officer for her report to the PCC. She extended her thanks to the PCC members who have completed the necessary online training and urged those not having undertaken this important activity to do so as soon as possible. She emphasised the importance of the current training programme which is a requirement of all PCC members.	PCC	ASAP
PCC0324/08		Following some informative discussion surrounding Appendix C (Church Activities on the Dashboard) it was confirmed that the list of Church Activities shown on this document is complete. The activities being: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church done Differently. • The Open book • Pastoral visiting. 	PCC	ASAP

PCC0324/09	06	The Parish Clerk's Fund Whilst the operation of this trust does not fall within the ambit of the PCC, it was reported (for information purposes) that its progression to a Registered Charitable Trust is progressing well, with completion expected towards the end of this year. The Trustees are to execute the Trust Deed on 14.03.2024.		
PCC0324/10	07 (a)	Committee and Team Reports <u>Mission</u> Reports at appendix D&E were received with thanks. Brief comments made in the discussion surrounding the statistics including the age profile demonstrating a level of fragility of our worshipping community.		
PCC0324/11		<u>Eco church</u> Reports at appendices U&V were received with thanks. The chair reported that the group was well on its way to achieving the silver award. The main morning service on 21.04.2024 will be focussed on our 'Eco Church' when Civic Guests will be invited to join in our worship at this important occasion.		
PCC0324/12	(b)	<u>School</u> The School Report at appendix X was received thanks. The appointment process for our New Headteacher is progressing well and the appointment of two Foundation Governors is still outstanding.		
PCC0324/13	(c)	<u>Events and Social</u> The next scheduled meeting is on 12.03.2024, there being nothing further to report at this meeting.		
PCC0324/14	(d)	<u>Fabric</u> The action log at appendix F was received with thanks, there being no matters raised from the PCC regarding its content.		
PCC0324/15		<u>Church Heating</u> Being in funds to meet the project, the PCC were invited to consider thirteen appendices which in total give a full overview of the proposed heating project and after some discussion surrounding costs and the process, a proposal was tabled which was formally proposed and seconded: It was agreed by a unanimous vote that the following proposed work should generate a Faculty Application to the Diocese of Sheffield and the work undertaken as soon as possible, after permission is granted.		
PCC0324/16		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christopher Dunphy Ecclesiastical Ltd – Reference 5741(Estimate) • Crown Gas Power Reference CGPS10417/G (Estimate) 		
PCC0324/17		'To replace two aged gas fired boilers located below ground level in the westerly external stoke hole, with similar more efficient boilers, at ground level, located on the southernmost side of the choir vestry. Additionally, to install and commission a new gas supply into the southwest corner of the church to fuel the new boilers; then to decommission the existing supply at the northernmost edge of the closed churchyard.'	PB	ASAP
PCC0324/18		<u>Pulpit Handrail</u> This is a piece of ongoing work, which will be further reported at the next PCC meeting.	ET	22.04.2024
PCC0324/19	(e)	<u>Funding Group</u> Appendix W was received with thanks. A total of +£57,000 has been raised over the last 2 years to help towards the funding of the new heating system, which should be installed in early autumn.	PB	ASAP

PCC0324/20		Work is still progressing for grant funding from CFC-CAF to help defray the repayment of the 2023 Common Fund pledge to the diocese, which enabled the heating project to be fully funded and for the work to be undertaken before the existing boilers fail.		
PCC0324/21	(f)	The Art Exhibition, scheduled for April, has now been gratefully sponsored thus enabling all of the income from this event be directed to the Warm and Welcoming Appeal.		
		<u>Financial</u>		
PCC0324/22		Reports P&Q were received with thanks. Appendix Q shows an actual balance at 31.12.2023 at £61,642 which includes an amount of £45,000 which is now committed (in 2024) for the heating project. In real terms, therefore, the 2023 surplus should be assumed as £16,642. With income trends for collections falling (2022 - £8,500. 2023 £7,800) and running expenses trending upwards, in part by energy costs (2022 - £4,154, 2023 - £6251. 2024[expected] £10.350. 2025[expected] £11.500), great care must be taken in setting the Common Fund Pledge for 2024.		
PCC0324/23		For illustration, separate budgets for income and expenditure for St Winifrid's were provided which form part of the of main budget and these estimate an overall spend of some £5400. The treasurer commented that between 2020 and 2022 Stainton's running costs had been partly funded by grants from the Stainton Memorial Trust amounting to £15000.		
PCC0324/24		It was proposed that the provisional pledge to the common Fund for 2024 be ratified at £45,000. When informing Diocese, it was resolved that we should advise them that the financial position will be regularly revisited, and should the financial situation improve, then the PCC will favourably consider making an additional payment. Much will depend on how much of the £45000 retained from Common fund in 2023 is required.	DM	Ongoing
PCC0324/25		It was further proposed that the Parish should know that in the present climate it is very likely that the full cost of our incumbent will not be met from our contribution level to the Common Fund in 2024.	PR	ASAP
PCC0324/26		These proposals (which relate to the common Fund) were suitably proposed and seconded and received unanimous outcomes, in favour.		
PCC0324/27		Following discussion surrounding the purchase of a CollecTin, to assist in stimulating an increase in giving, helped with 'campaign giving' opportunities, it was proposed that one be purchased in the sum of £310 (or thereabouts), from the Parish Magazine account. This proposal was unanimously approved. It was also agreed that the Fabric Team look at the provision of electricity to the west side of the north door, to power the CollecTin, without the need to pass cables over the North Doors to reach the nearest power socket.	DM	ASAP
PCC0324/28	(g)	<u>Mothers Union</u> The Report at Appendix R was received with thanks. It was further added that the fundraising for the Refuge will start later this month or early April.	PB	ASAP

PCC0324/29	(h)	<u>General Synod</u> The Chair gave a brief summary of the recent meeting of General Synod, a print is an addendum to these minutes.	PR	ASAP
PCC0324/30	08	Health and Safety Nothing to report.		
PCC0324/31	09	Preparing for the AVM and APCM The PCC Secretary reported that progress is being made for the meetings to be held on 19.05.2024. Members were asked to prepare reports in good time to prevent a bottleneck close to the meeting date.	PCC	ASAP
PCC0324/32	10	Churchwardens Recruitment It was reported that no candidates have yet been found and work should continue by all members of the PCC in finding three individuals before the Annual meeting on 19.05.2024. A revised sheet has been prepared outlining duties which needs to be distributed as widely as possible. There is a breach of Canon Law by not having individuals in post, and corrective action is now paramount.	PCC	ASAP
PCC0324/33	11	Draft Parish Programme 2024 The Chair confirmed that the finished version of the programme would form part of the agenda for the next PCC meeting on 22.04.2024. He indicated there would be three threads to the programme, these include:	PR	ASAP
PCC0324/34		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tasks and Responsibilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> New PCC members Rotas Readings Intercessors 		
PCC0324/35		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reach out into the community. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Programme of events Invitation 		
PCC0324/36		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parish Giving / New donors. Running Costs The Parish Giving Scheme Supporting the life of the church 		
PCC0324/37	12	Proposed PCC/ SC meeting schedules (See later) <i>(Item 13 removed)</i>		
PCC0324/38	14	Church Online Calendar Any members who are finding it difficult to access the online calendar, please contact Martin Lowe who will be pleased to assist in dealing with this matter.	PCC	ASAP
PCC0324/39	15	Video recording and Live streaming of services Currently all services are live streamed with Morning Prayer on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at 9.00 a.m. Live Eucharist on 1 st Sunday from Stainton at 9.15 a.m. Live Eucharist on 2 nd Sunday from Tickhill at 8.00 a.m. Video recording is very time consuming and complex in its preparation, it is probable that live streaming will now be used exclusively.	PCC	17.01.2024

PCC0324/40	16	Correspondence None																																																		
PCC0324/41	17	War Graves and the War Memorial Peter Chappell is to continue with the information gathering with the Chair of the Town Council and David Hornsby from the City Council regarding war graves in the closed churchyard. He will report back at the next PCC meeting.	PC	22.04.2023																																																
PCC 0324/42	18	Diary Dates for 2024 (see later)																																																		
PCC0324/43	19	Closing the Meeting The meeting closed with the Grace at 9.30 pm.																																																		
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