

ST PETER'S CHURCH Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 7.30pm
In the High Newton Village Hall
MINUTES

Present: Rev J Brewster, Mr J Hibbert, Mr B Crossley, Mrs B Hibbert, Mrs L Shrapnel, Mr J Houston and Mrs S Dean

Welcome and Prayers

Rev J Brewster opened the meeting with a reading to commemorate the anniversary of Charles Wesley and gave thanks for his works and that of his brother John. He is especially remembered for his Hymn writing and for his 'Ministry without parish boundaries'.

1. Apologies

Mr G Ensor sent his apologies

2. Minutes of Meeting held on 14th March 2023 & 20th April.

The Minutes of 14th March were amended to include Mr J Houston as present; they were then accepted. The Minutes of 20th April were also accepted.

3. Matters Arising/Actions not covered later in Agenda

None

4. Incumbents Report

Archdeacon V Ross returns from sabbatical on 19th June, he has requested that the Peninsula churches write or revise their Parish profiles for the end of June. The advertisement for an Incumbent for the Benefice. This will consist of a Leven Valley profile covering the 3 parishes, one for Grange and the Fell church and one for Field Broughton and Lindale. The final document will include articles from Bishop James, the Rural Dean, Rev J Brewster and Rev N Devenish.

There is a meeting on Thursday 25th May to start the process of writing the Parish profile. This will need to be available as a digital as well as a paper copy.

The provisional time scale is that the Section 11 meeting will be in early July, followed by the Section 12 meeting to sign of the profile.

The advertisement will go out end of July with interviews in September. The process can go ahead before legal structure is in place – the post will be advertised as for a Priest in Charge until the legal requirements are in place.

There will be consultation with wider community and local schools.

5. Churchwardens Report/Actions

Lindale

It was agreed that the PCC will meet the legal costs of obtaining title for the piece of land behind the property known as Yewtree Barn, formerly part of the Vicarage.

The meeting agreed unanimously that this was necessary for the future benefit of Lindale parish and to clarify the ownership and boundaries of land belong to Lindale church.

The Diocese estimates the legal costs of the transfer to be between £1,500 and £2,000 and it may only be possible to gain Possessory Title from Land Registry with the evidence available. The costs could be met with the funds received after transfer of Lindale to Field Broughton parish and the recent legacy. The land will be owned by the Diocese and held in trust for Lindale parish.

The parking spaces at top entrance to church would be included in any future sale of the Church building.

Action: - Mr J Hibbert to reply to Diocese and to request details of the conveyancing costs.

Field Broughton Parish Rooms

Further to the meeting held on 20th April after the APCM the Diocese requires to verify ownership and the nature of the Trust before any further action can be taken.

6 Treasurers Report/Actions

The Treasurer's report was circulated to PCC members prior to meeting and was taken as read, the general financial position is satisfactory and better than in January report.

7. Assimilation of Lindale Parish with Field Broughton.

- i) Parking** – In abeyance awaiting decision on future of church building.
- ii) Churchyard** – Needs to be mowed.

Action: Mr J Hibbert to arrange with Mr H Fullerton to

8. The future: -

- i) New Benefice update.** See Incumbent's report.

9. School Reports

The Cartmel Peninsula Governors Forum held a talk on SIAMS by the Diocesan Director of Education and Deputy Director which was well attended by local schools and very informative about the new framework for inspections. Children from Lindale school are coming to St Peter's on 29th June to celebrate and learn about St Peter. Rev J Brewster is taking assembly at Lindale school next week.

10. Health & Safety and Safeguarding

There has been a benefice meeting of the parish safeguarding officers, led by Mrs J Mitchell. A matrix has been circulated for completion. All Sidesmen will need to complete Basic and Foundation safeguarding training.

It was agreed to do a Risk Assessment regarding the lack of need for DBS for Organist's at Field Broughton as there is no choir and the only role is to play the organ during the service.

Action:- Mr J Hibbert and Mrs B Hibbert (safe guarding officer).

11. **Worship and Services**

i) St Peter's Day There will be a communion service on 29th June at Field Broughton at 7pm taken by Rev A Miller

ii) Confirmation This will take place at 10.00am on 25th June at Flookburgh with Bishop James, there are 4 candidates.

12. **Celebration of 130 years in 2024**

This will take place over the weekend of 28th June, it was suggested that on the Saturday evening there could be a Words & Music event. Mrs L Shrapnell reported that the Friends would be happy to engage with the Celebration.

This will include organising the displays – which organisations/ themes and location of displays. Decoration of church etc.

A framework of events needs drawing up. It should have a community focus and include local organisations, schools and possibly businesses.

A working party/ committee and co-ordinator needs to be arranged.

Action: - Mrs L Shrapnell and Mrs B Hibbert to co-ordinate in first instance

13. **Fabric and Churchyard**

i) Pledge List & Parish Council Donations

Due to gradual decrease in members of the original pledge list set up nearly 20 years ago, we need to review the funding of the grass cuts and look to increase number of parishioners willing to donate to churchyard.

ii) Inspection of Gravestones

Action: - Mr J Hibbert and Mrs S Dean to arrange date.

The first grass cut has been done by several volunteers over the previous week. Raking up of grass is still too complete.

Mrs S Dean has written to clerks of Staveley in Cartmel parish council and Broughton East to request they re-start grants towards the maintenance costs of burial ground as they had done prior to 2019.

Mr H Fullerton has agreed that he will charge the same fee for cutting the churchyard as last year.

The roadside wall has been repaired promptly.

iii) Lady Chapel

It was requested that this goes on Agenda for next meeting.

We are still awaiting the digital survey of church interior.

A Statement of Need will be required by the DAC, who have done pre-application inspection.

It was suggested that Mr P Grout would be asked to prepare drawings and plans as he is the architect used for the quinquennial and any maintenance issues and is familiar with church building.

14. Deanery and Diocese

**Mrs B Hibbert attended the Deanery Synod.
PCC/Deanery Levy was discussed.**

The funding of the Youth Ministry is being paid for by the Diocese. Mrs A Mason is taking over from Ms H Hoyle

15. Dates for Future Meetings

******Note change of venue for October and January meetings - this is due another booking in the High Newton Village Hall in October.**

Tuesday 18th July 2023 at Field Broughton Parish Rooms
Tuesday 17th October 2023 at Field Broughton Parish Rooms
Tuesday 9th January 2024 at High Newton Village Hall.

16 AOB

The Parish Rooms requires an Asbestos survey and Asbestos register. All public buildings are required now to have one. Mrs L Shrapnel has obtained a quote for Parish Rooms and if the church is added on it would be substantially less expensive than having an individual survey. It was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to go ahead. Proposed Mrs B Hibbert and seconded by Mr B Crossley,