

MEETING MINUTES

Newick PCC Standing Committee

Date: Thursday 22nd June, 2023

Time: 19.00

Location: Barn Centre, St Mary's Church, Newick

Attendees:

Ian Reekie (IR)

Christopher Hume (CH)

Tony Bailey (TB)

Sara Fuller (SF)

Paul Mundy (PM)

Kate Francis (KF)

Anthony Mallinson (AM)

Geoff Clinton (JC)

Dan Cowley (DC)

Apologies:

Alan Young (AY)

Audrey Ford (AF)

Patsy Bailey (PB)

Jonathan Fenton Vince (JFV)

Mandy Stockwell (MS)

Caroline Smith (CS)

Linda Farmer (LF)

Jeremy Burdett (JB)

Key:

Action items

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1: Opening Prayer: Meeting started with a prayer from Paul Mundy

Prayer added below

Ephesians Chapter 4 verses 10-16 -Unity in the Body of Christ

I, therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called,² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love,³ making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace:⁴ there is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism,⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.^[a]

7 But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high, he made captivity itself a captive;^[b]
he gave gifts to his people."

9 (When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended^[c] into the lower parts of the earth?^[d] ¹⁰ He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹ He himself granted that some are apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers ¹² to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³ until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity,^[e] to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴ We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming; ¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love
Final thought from last week's Gospel reading from Matthew

When we receive graciously, we give someone else the joy and gift of giving.

Having received authority from Jesus, the twelve are sent out into the world – commissioned and trusted to be messengers of the Gospel – and are given instruction of what their ministry is to look like. The ministry of the Church today continues this mission, as we are called to trust in God in all things and this is surprisingly difficult for many of us, challenging our independence and vulnerabilities through accepting generosity from others with grace. It challenges our culture of transaction, instead providing a place where mutual giving and receiving becomes a joy-filled activity, ministering to and with one another. This joy naturally and organically enables giving to grow as we set our hearts and minds beyond the lens of transaction – and as we follow Jesus' instruction to be a gracious receiver, we in turn give someone else the joy and gift of giving.

**God of Mission Who alone brings growth to your Church,
Send your Holy Spirit to give Vision to our planning,
Wisdom to our actions, And power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ And the love of God
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit Be with us all evermore
Amen**

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2: Apologies

See above

Alan Young has requested a leave of absence. The meeting considered a motion that Alan Young should be granted a six months leave of absence from PCC.

Proposed: PM

Seconded: IR

Passed by PCC

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3: Minutes of March 30 2023

Proposed: PM

Seconded: SF

Passed by PCC

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CH to ask PM to sign meeting notes on Sunday 25th

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4: Rector issues

PM: Checked in with Prophetic homework

SF: Barn Centre and fundraising for development. From September, could we ask Mandy as in previous event she has done event work and fundraising?

TB: We can start fundraising at any time – To discuss during Barn Centre in agenda

CH: Sunday school between Owls and NYC. Need to fill this gap. Could run as NYC, as in not Church, the Good Life programme and look to recruit from outside of our faith congregation

PM: Pam Munday has contacted. A number of parents to discuss & explore ideas for this age group. Additionally, Neve working for Charitable trust in Brighton and asking about how she can help with grants to increase funding for NYC team members. She will see if she can shadow Katherine at Church House to learn how to apply for grants on behalf of NYC.

IR: Grant application made 6 months ago, but limited definition on what was needed from accounts. Weakness is although times are hard, we are sitting on a small reserve. We have to show available funds but maybe doesn't help what we are trying to do with grants.

PM: Not going on Sabbatical until 2025 due to limited numbers.

Do have some cover in January so may go on holiday

JC: May Camp attendees, where are they spiritually?

PM: We should hope that their faith grows with each of them. Youth Alpha to start in September with some interest. Issue is our regular services don't suit them.

SF: Could we do a regular Youth service?

PM: The issue is some people prefer classic services so it's a challenge

---***ACTION***---

DC to respond to Pam re catch up with parents

PM to investigate a first of the month all age service

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5: Families & Youth Work

PM: Ali in Owls doing great work with good attendees even with holidays. Holiday club Every one in the PCC has a duty to promote the volunteer requirement for the youth holiday club. Lee, doing really well with NYC with some great events in Summer Specials. It does cost but we are getting 20-30 attendees for these special events. Roz is a new volunteer who is fantastic and enthusiastic. Pam and Neve Mundy also helping when available.

New funding is coming out and a full time Youth Worker should be in our prayers. Scaynes Hill have proved it can be done thanks to legacy and local council contributions.

DC: Is there an option to create art/murals in the Barn centre to help NYC and Owls to feel ownership of. Even posters/photos to give

CH: Less Owls parents in church

PM: Lose some in the summer and some parents come to help in Owls, some come to Church and some go home

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PM to add request for volunteers for holiday club

PM to investigate creative approach in Barn Centre for clubs

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6: Safeguarding

CS: No issues reported

---***ACTION***---

None

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7: Churchwardens

CH: Nothing to report

Church Wardens attended the Archdeacons Visitation at All Saints Crowborough on Monday 19th June and were duly sworn in.

---***ACTION***---

None

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8: Electoral Roll

CH: A few new entrants which is great news and should add to newsletter. We aren't expanding at any great rate and still suffer from the same limiting and threatening "body problem" we have had a number of years.

PM: Not seen the figures but when we saw Parish Returns, didn't think we were that far behind and not in decline.

CH: We are inching ahead and we need to be cognizant that we are missing the 25 – 55 age group.

JC: Is there a roll list that we can review

PM: We can share but 60% would need to be redacted but we could circulate a list of names to the PCC. We could have a Parish Giving evening or a stand at the back of church each week in September. 146 stand on the electoral role.

---***ACTION***---

CH to ask MS to circulate a list of names only from Electoral Roll for next PCC meeting

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9: Finance

CH: Documents circulated with the agenda. Income and expenditure circulated for 5 months of the year ready for comments.

PM: In preparation for fundraising, likely we should employ an accountant for several years. The team are doing an amazing job, but we need open and professional accounts to get organised with what we are doing. This will help with the transparency of where our money sits but also mean we are in a better place even if it costs us more in the short term.

Kate: We used to operate a sidesman roster and it would be good to explore if that can be done again.

JC: Have we explored reinvigorating the Friends of Newick Church fundraising forum? As per Fletching's initiative.

CH: Yes, we should explore this as an option for the future.

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CH/SF: Churchwardens to explore a new sidesman roster.

KF: to detail out role of sidesman from PCC handbook and new requirements such as emergency requirements

CH: To explore Friends of Newick fundraising

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10: Pastoral Care

CH: PB is doing an amazing job from her bed staying in touch with people

PCC pass on a best wishes and there was a round of applause for her

---***ACTION***---

TB: To pass on PCC's best wishes to PB

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11: Outward Giving

CH: On behalf JB, proposal to close the separate account to deal with Outward Giving funds and that we should close the Act4You account with Links International with immediate effect.

Proposed: PM

Seconded: JC

Passed by PCC

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JB: Account to be closed

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12: Fabric

CH: Sextons report very clear and concise thanks to TB

PM: On the sunken graves, we need to be careful if we open ourselves up to find Victorian curb stones as the cost of excavating will be high and be gone in a few years again.

TB: Looking more at Eastern end to make the graves clearer. There are recent ones and can be cleared during the Gardening days.

CH: We should include the war graves but limited to more modern graves.

TB: Minimised spending on maintenance work during first half of 2023.

CH: TRO application (circulated to PCC)

Proposed: SF

Seconded: IR

Amendment discussion:

JC: Suggested to take additional pews to be removed on the North Side. Potential to remove 6 if we wish to, which means we can take as many as we want in the short term, but gives access to those sitting o chairs who need to.

TB: This is a temporary requirement which covers 14. Permanent requires a faculty and the pews will need to be maintained in a usable condition.

Amendment proposed: JC

Seconded: PM

Passed by PCC

JC: JFV visited today and requested an amendment on his behalf.

He suggested we leave the two pews on the south aisle (right side), and take two pews out across both rows of the middle of the church.

PCC thanks JFV for providing the amendment even in absence

Amendment proposed: JC

Seconded: KF

Passed by PCC

The TRO application presented to the meeting, as amended by the two amendments already agreed by PCC. A motion to accept the amended TRO and submit it to the Diocese was agreed, proposed PM, Seconded GC.

AM: Need to ensure people are aware that this will change their seating requirements and those behind the new cleared areas may need to move if they wish to.

---***ACTION***---

TB: To get diagram redrawn to circulate

Ac coy of the TRO submitted to the Diocese forms an appendix to these Minutes.

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13: Barn Centre

TB: Asked architect regarding planning permission. Note from Architect reads:

Yes making some progress.

Barn

I had a long list of questions from the Heritage Officer which I have now addressed so hopefully we are heading in the right direction.

Turk has written in neither supporting or objecting! which is good. He is more into criticising the Council for failing to acknowledge the real identity of the barn.

Paths, still waiting to hear what they have to say.

Hopefully have more news in ten days or so,

Clive

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TB: Would like it noted that Sue Balloch for doing such a great job remotely helping managing and running the Barn Centre.

DC: Asked regarding having Brownies be asked back to be part of the church having left during covid issues.

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No actions

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14: Churchyard

PM: Looking amazing, thanks to everyone

CH: Next gardening day is 14th October

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DC to tell School Dad's about dates

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15: Newick Parish Magazine

PM: Awaiting Ash Stockwell's help with new branding for magazine

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16: Confidential items

Redacted

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17: AOB

CH: LF asked regarding which Risk Assessments are needed to be reviewed.
NYC and Children's Choir needs to be looked at.

PM: Can we review Parish Reserves Policy at next PCC? Plus a huge thank you re work LF has done on policies and procedures

DC: To follow up re AV requirements

JC: Newick Distress Trust celebrates its 40th anniversary this year. The Trustees would like a service for celebration as a 10o'clock service later in 2023. If we

November 19th has been proposed for this service.

CH: We should add a piece in the parish magazine as well and local press coverage.

PM: Cheese and wine after the service in celebration

TBC

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Prayer

Meeting closed

Date of next meeting 28th September at 1630

Following meeting 27th November at 1900