

**PARISH CHURCH OF ST PETER
NEWTON IN MAKERFIELD**

Minutes of PCC Meeting held on Monday, 11th May 2009

Members: (* denotes member present A denotes apologies given)

EX-OFFICIO		ELECTED	TERM
* Canon J Matthews	Rector	* Mr I Greensmith	2010
* Mr W Irving	Warden	A Mrs S Brammeier	2010
* Mr J Higham	Warden	* Mrs K Saile	2010
* Mr A Waterworth	Deputy Warden	* Mrs A Hamnett	2010
* Mrs D Matthews	Reader	* Mrs A Roe	2010
* Mrs A Myers	Reader	* Mr G Boulton	2011
* Mr P Brammeier	D S	* Mr T Abram	2011
Mr D Ashworth	D S	A Mr M Webster	2011
Vacant	D S	* Miss A Ellam	2011
vacant	D S	* Mrs D Hilton	2011
		* Mr G Hutton	2012
		* Mr C Tither	2012
		* Mrs M Bentley	2012
Mrs M Tod	Treasurer	* Mrs I Coulthard	2012
Mrs C Tither	Secretary	* Mrs S Bowden	2012

1. Welcome and Prayers

Reverend Matthews opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with prayer.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Sharon Brammeier and Mark Webster.

3. Introductions

Reverend Matthews welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the new members.

4. Minutes of the PCC meeting held on 16th March 2009

The minutes of the meeting held on March 16th were accepted as a true record of events and signed by the chairman.

5. Matters Arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 16th March

1. 4.1 Due to Sharon's illness, Easter leaflets were not distributed locally.
2. 15.1 Concern was raised regarding the memorial candles; that small children may be lighting them unsupervised. Situation to be monitored and a sign put up if necessary.
3. 15.2 The red carpet, donated by Colin and Linda Tither, is ready to be used for coming weddings.

6. Correspondence

1. Details received regarding the Church Urban Fund which will become our mission partner. Joan will preach about it on 7th June.
2. Arrangements for the WAC attack event on Saturday 27th June were received. Dorothy Matthews agreed to return the form indicating the level of participation.

7. Deanery Synod Representative

Mr Hugh Stockton was elected to fill one of the vacancies for deanery synod representative.

8. Treasurer's Report

The treasurer gave the current balances as follows:

Current account: £3300 Deposit account: £14400 Building & Fabric: £2700

Michelle reported that in the first quarter, expenses had outweighed income making a £1700 deficit. She advised that fundraising was needed to boost income. It was agreed that Gift Aid needed to be promoted better. Baptism families should be encouraged to 'gift aid' any donations. Michelle will produce an article in the magazine and Joan will preach about it. It was agreed to reconsider launching 'Giving in Grace' in the future, when the time is right.

9. Wardens' Report

William Irving reported that it had been brought to his attention about the need to replace the netting on the tower to prevent the birds from nesting. There were no other works ongoing.

10. Carpet

William provided samples of Bell Twist Carpet. He was finding it difficult to get quotations from companies and the secretary suggested that there may be a better response if a request was typewritten on headed notepaper. It was agreed that money for the carpet would have to be raised before it can be ordered as current monies available form the reserves policy.

11. Car Park

Members were informed that the new tenants of The Kirkfield Hotel had made an informal approach about using the car park. It was decided that if agreement could be reached, it would be on the church's terms with a limit to the amount of spaces and a charge per space which would need to be paid monthly in advance. It was also agreed that a solicitor should draw up an agreement to ensure proper management of it.

12. Committees

A fundraising committee was established with the following members:

Michelle Tod (chair), Glen Hutton, Kerry Saile, Margaret Bentley and Ian Greensmith.

Standing Committee will continue to discuss finance matters.

13. Church/School Partnership Award

PCC received a copy of the proposed application which had been compiled by Sue Bowden, in consultation with the headteacher and rector. Members were asked to consider the application and bring back any thoughts or ideas to the next meeting. PCC agreed to the cost of purchasing a notice board to display school work.

14. Web Site

Site – stpetersnewton.org - designed and launched courtesy of Katy Quinn, in thankfulness for ministration received. Information provided by Carol Tither, who will take control of the site soon and update as necessary.

15. Annexe Hire Review

Current rates had been in place for a number of years and after discussion, it was agreed to increase the rate to £15 per hour.

16. Meeting Dates

Dates were set for the coming year as follows:

Monday 13 th July 2009	7:30 pm	annexe
Monday 7 th September 2009	7:30 pm	annexe
Monday 9 th November 2009	7:30 pm	annexe
Monday 25 th January 2010	7:30 pm	annexe
Monday 15 th March 2010	7:30 pm	annexe
Sunday 18 th April 2010	11:00 am	church (ACM)
Monday 17 th May 2010	7:30 pm	annexe

19. Any Other Business

- 1 Parish Magazine – the font had been increased slightly but still needed to be adjusted further. PCC felt that it would be better to have more pages, even if it meant an increase in price, rather than have something that is difficult to read.
- 2 PCC agreed to continue funding the increased hall charges for church groups.
3. Time Capsule – school to be involved?
4. PCC questioned whether the service times could be altered back with the arrival of two members of staff. Reverend Matthews said that it would be impractical and explained that Laura would be training alongside her for quite some time before she would be able to do anything independently.

The meeting closed with prayer at 9:25 pm.

Signed: (Chairman)

Date:.....