



**YARE VALLEY CHURCHES PCC MEETING HELD AT THE RECTORY AT 7.30PM**  
**ON TUESDAY 10 OCTOBER 2017**

**Present:** Rev Peter Leech; Rev Dom Hubbuck; Sarah Wiltshire; Ann Brownlee; Patrick Beales; Sue Allport; Diana Buck; Peta Cunnane; Tim Moore; Ann Walters; Keith Gerrard; Douglas Bain; Gaye Hailstone

Peter welcomed everyone, and opened with prayer – he spoke of the series of sermons on discipleship and how no matter what life throws at us, growing in our identity as children of God allows us to be secure and as we become more secure in the knowledge of who we are, we become more able to pick up on the authority given to us. He read from Matthew – The Temptations of Jesus.

1. **Apologies:** None – all present
2. **Minutes:** The March PCC minutes were unanimously approved.
3. **Matter Arising:**
  - Grave reservations were being processed
  - YVC policies to be circulated and are also on website **ACTION: Peter to circulate**
  - Ann W congratulated Patrick and the Finance team for achieving everything on the Diocese Health Check list.
  - On 3 August the Standing Committee electronically approved the PCC statement regarding plans for additional residential housing in Brundall. This was then circulated to all PCC members and appeared in the September edition of Yare Valley's Voice.
4. **Rector's Remarks:** This report had been previously distributed and read.
  - Peter added that he was very pleased and heartened by the reaction to the building plans from the general public, particularly from our neighbours in Chancel Close. Peter would welcome people to voice any questions or concerns they may have and is encouraging them to do so.
  - The Barn Dance was a great success and was well represented by many of our congregations.
  - Peter spoke about the Diocese proposals for the small change in our parish boundary following the completion of the NDR. The A47 would become the new

boundary edge and therefore Meridian Business Park would become part of the parish of Thorpe St Andrew.

- Peter spoke about his concern that the present transport arrangements for those needing to get to church services and Luncheon Club were not sustainable long term, therefore, there is a need to investigate a long term solution. Currently Peter is investigating possible funding for a minibus which could be shared with and used by the wider community, thus becoming a money earner and eventually self-funding.
- YVC have been accepted for the Undergraduate Scheme and the successful person will join the Chaplaincy Team at Thorpe St Andrew. This pilot scheme will be tested as a model which if successful will perhaps be rolled out across the country

5. **Sub Committee Reports:** All reports had been previously distributed and read.

**IN:**

- *Postwick Roof Replacement:* The PCC agreed that we need to push ahead to get this problem sorted. Peter and Tim will meet with Ruth in November to discuss how to proceed, and to agree works priorities.
- *Church working parties:* Peter thanked all those from across the benefice who had supported the working parties. Patrick questioned how well the maintenance contract for Braydeston was working and did we in fact need this contract? **ACTION: Peter, Tim and Patrick to look into this.**
- *St Laurence Centre Completion:* Patrick confirmed that the final bill from the architect had now been paid. It was agreed that final payment to the builders should be withheld until all works had been satisfactorily completed.

**UP:**

- This was the first joint meeting with the Leadership Ministry Team and it was a very successful meeting.

**OUT:**

- *Votive Candles holders:* The importance of being able to physically light a candle eg in memory of someone you have lost was discussed. It signifies that the memory still lives on and burns bright. It is a ritual that promotes reflection and signifies remembrance. It was agreed that votive candles are an important part of mission. It was proposed that the purchase of votive candle holders should be progressed with due regard to the financial situation. **This was proposed by Peter, seconded by Sue and approved by 12, 1 abstained.**

**OF:**

- When asked the question Peter assured the PCC that his position as Joint Rural Dean would not interfere with his position as Rector and that it would cause no major disruption.

## FINANCE :

Patrick presented the budget for 2018. **It was proposed by Patrick that the PCC accept and adopt the 2018 budget, seconded by Gaye and unanimously agreed.**

- It was acknowledged that Patrick and his team had worked very hard on the budget and that as a benefice we are facing a situation where our current income is not sufficient to meet our expenditure . Growth in congregations would help to re-dress this situation and this is being addressed through our offering a range of worship styles to better suit the needs of a diverse church family. The Finance Team and Peter are also looking in detail at areas of spending to see where any cuts may be made.
- It is our Annual Gift Day on Sunday and currently this money is put into general funds but it was agreed that ideally in future, Gift Days would be focused on giving to fund a specific item(s). Peter will action this for 2018 unless the financial situation demands otherwise.

### 6. Any Other Business:

- Grass cutting across the whole parish was discussed. Currently volunteers do a wonderful job keeping Brundall graveyard looking cared for but they are getting older and no one is waiting in the wings to take over. It was agreed that for long term sustainability there was a need to buy in grass cutting. Currently Postwick is cut twice monthly in the growing season by Mathew Jameson . He has quoted for cutting grass at Braydeston and Brundall:

(current charges for Postwick – twice a month @ £40 per cut)

Braydeston – twice a month @ £45 per cut

Brundall – twice a month @ £65 per cut

It was agreed that MJ should continue to look after Postwick and that Peter would discuss the cutting of the grass at both Braydeston and Brundall with those involved.

This was proposed by Patrick and Seconded by Ann W. Approved by all. **ACTION:**

**Peter to speak with Mr Debbage & Brundall Team**

13. Date of next PCC meeting is 20 February 2018 at 7.30pm in the Rectory – 7.00pm for prayer.

The meeting ended at 10.15pm with prayer