

# CHURCH COUNCIL

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THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2009

7.00pm

Present: N.Witham, J.Mosley, A.Hoole, S.Clapham, S.Lynch, M.Binks, C.Atkins, A.Batchelor, C.Robson, J Smith, J Lilly, D Thompson, K Smith, R Wilkinson, C Thomas, I. Dawson, Judith Dewhurst (circuit steward)

Apologies: P. Mulholland, R. Allan, Alan & Audrey Johnson, S.Clark, M. Newbould, G.Lilly, C Lynch, G. Wilkinson, M. Brassington, L Brassington, C Nowell.

Nick opened the meeting with devotions and a prayer.

Nick read out the list of members for church council.

Nick reminded the meeting of the importance of attending C.C. It is the duty of members to attend, as the dates are set well in advance

Matters arising from the previous minutes: Amendment made to the list of attendees – Chris Robson.

Section 8 regarding Humph Baker & £20 voucher. This has not been done Chris Thomas to action.

Representatives to Circuit Meetings - Malcolm Binks, Reserve - Chris Lynch, Margaret Light, Julia Mosley, R Allan.

Ian Dawson was approached regarding the position of Church Steward he was pleased to be asked and gladly accepted.

Andrew Bachelor to be treasurer for another year.

Saun Swithebank is to leave the circuit in 2010. The circuit has made a decision not to replace Saun.

Reshaping for mission, each church to supply information to the circuit regarding staffing, figures and statistics, how to reshape for the future. Questionnaire to be completed by church member's ONE questionnaire per church. The questionnaire must be filled in without Nick's assistance. Nick hopes to dovetail this in with the Know & Grow. Nick would also like to have an extra General Church meeting in 23<sup>rd</sup> November.

Final service at Grove Road 4.30 Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2009. They have now joined with Bar Methodist Church it is now to be known as Bilton Area Methodist Church. The Grove Road property is to be used for youth groups.

Circuit news - Nick has picked up Circuit Youth work since his ordination and is dividing his time between them & us. Nick explained that there are lots planned for circuit youth of Harrogate.

Nick explained that there is to be an increase of assessments this church pays to the circuit. The reason are: Ministers pay has increased, pension funds have gone up and is set to increase again next year.

There then followed short discussion regarding the circuit as a whole and the reshaping programme. It was pointed out that all our ministers are to be stretched that bit more, it is a concern to us all. Nick however pointed out that there are exciting times ahead and is looking positive.

Treasurers report: Andrew Batchelor. The accounts again show a deficit. Repairs have used up a large chunk of the budget, however, the resources team think we have come to the end of all the major repairs and building costs. Andrew produced a hard copy report and is available on request for those not at the meeting.

It was discussed that the only way to recover from the deficit is to draw from the reserves but this can only go on for so long.

Resources committee report: Julia Mosley. Increase in regular giving? This is a delicate subject and needs gentle handling; a letter has been drafted and explains all.

Forest lane has been sold however; there will be no money for our church from the sale of the house.

Property: Fire escape at the back of the church now complete, the youth club have put a table in the way of escape to the car park, the meeting gave permission for Julia to approach the youth club to remove it.

Smoke alarms in place, security not up to scratch. All keys to be given out by C Atkins. No key to be lent to anyone else. Concern that all users are not locking the building while using it. Letter to go out to all users to be aware of this security breach.

Schedule A, now completed apart from finance, this will be finalised by Andrew ready for signing, the members of the meeting agreed this was in order.

SafeGuarding: Rob Allen is away, Nick gave the report in Rob's absence. All key holders have been asked to sign for the keys also form C for official position holders. CRB forms are kept by Nick who keeps a note of when any are ready for renewal. Nick explained that there is a new system coming in, which will be a lot easier, final details on their way, we are currently waiting for clearance and guidance. We are not sure whether they will cover 5 or 3 years.

Health, Safety & Fire Report. There is no report at this time. Keith has issued regulations to all who use the church. A fire alarm practise is still to be organised, this could possibly happen after a Family Service.

Pastoral report: Anne Hoole. The most recent meeting was 8<sup>th</sup> Oct '09 with 10 members present. Pam Dawson was invited to the meeting in her role as a bereavement counsellor, she is happy to work with the pastoral visitor during the difficult times following bereavement. It

was felt that a speaker from CRUSE would be helpful, Nick to action. They are also hoping to have a visit from a Methodist Chaplain to give a talk on his role in the hospital.

Betty Cosgrove has retired from her role as Pastoral visitor, a letter of thanks has been sent. The pastoral lists were discussed and any problems addressed.

The Pastoral Dedication service is on Dec 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:45am.

Remembered in silence and prayer Alf Thompson and Kitty Clementson .

A date for Nick & Diane Button to be received into the church family has yet to be arranged. There have been a number of enquiries regarding church membership, Nick is hoping to start two groups in November, and then have a class of young people in the spring.

Nick thanked Anne for all her 'amazing' work done as part of pastoral.

Transfer of membership for the following: Dorothy Armin, Dorothy Barnes, Keri Laud-  
lenslaer, Terry & Clare Barker.

Worship Consultation: Harvest 10<sup>th</sup> Oct, Baptism of Caitlin Mulholland and GB/BB Enrol-  
ment service.

Bible Soc Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct, Remembrance service 8<sup>th</sup> Nov.

27<sup>th</sup> Nov Christmas lights switch on, 29<sup>th</sup> Nov Circuit Advent at Killinghall 6:30pm.

12<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas workshop with Kathryn Smith

13<sup>th</sup> Dec: Gift Service

20<sup>th</sup> Dec: Traditional Carol Service with Communion

20<sup>th</sup> Dec: Community Carol Service & Nativity at 6:00pm (joint with St A's and led jointly  
with Francis. This is to be an annual event at our church.

24<sup>th</sup> Dec: Christmas Eve Communion 11:15pm joint service her with Woodlands.

25<sup>th</sup> Dec: Fam service 10.00am

24<sup>th</sup> Jan: Pulpit exchange also Circuit service at Woodlands 6.30pm.

Feb 21<sup>st</sup> Bilton Area (Discussion) Killinghall (Dance)

Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Sundi Club Service

March 14<sup>th</sup>: Mothering Sunday, Nick to invite Margaret Gough to preach.

Mar 29<sup>th</sup> – April 1<sup>st</sup> Easter devotions

Apr 1<sup>st</sup> Maundy Thurs Circuit Service at Wesley followed by all night vigil at Starbeck.

Apr 2<sup>nd</sup> Meditation on the Cross 2:30pm.

Nick encouraging worship leaders to have more input into the services at least once a month.  
Two discussion services in the next quarter, then to be reviewed, also a café style worship at  
Sunday evening.

The number of Baptisms are up and it was realised that this is as a result from outreach, 10  
baptisms since August!

Outreach team: 'Explore' course, hoping to run an afternoon class as well as evening. Spring-  
water School had a harvest last week, was a good service although rather noisy, nick ex-  
plained that the school has had a difficult year. Starbeck School had their Harvest service at  
our church here on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct with 270 children here plus staff.

'Fun for all' – All agreed that it had been a good event and will have another similar event next year. Carol singing in and around Starbeck again before Christmas. Outreach is a small group and new members are always welcome.

Children's & Youth work: Sundi club have 40 on the list. It is felt that a creche is now needed.

The members of the meeting were happy to appoint all the staff. Pauline, Elaine, Sarah Francis, Laura, John, Joseph, Leigh, Ivy, Emma.

GB/BB: The Meeting were advised of the new staff within Girls Brigade, the meeting were willing to appoint. Mellissa Haigh, Kathryn Smith, Kirsty Wheatley, Vicki Fisher & David Clark subject to paperwork all been accepted.

GB has lost 2 girls-1 Senior & 1 Brigader, however, they have gained 2 new explorers 1 girl who comes all the way from Menwith Hill.

Rachel Clark has become the new District Commissioner.

The children all enjoyed the fun day at Flamingo Park. The next fun activity is a swimming party and sleep over in the New Year.

The Brigades had a successful Gala Stall in August making £227.00 for Brigade funds.

The girls are having a District camp next year, details yet to be decided.

There is a £100:00 deficit within the uniform budget, Brigade has to make up the money.

SYF & Y Thurs is combining is to become X treme. Nick to organise sessions. Fluid & liquid in the X Treme!!! Fresh expression / Youth church for the circuit Nick very excited!

Year 7, 8 & 9 Nick hasn't had time, he will look at it all again in January.

Julia gave a vote of thanks to Nick for all the youth work done in this church.

Churches together Christmas Choir to sing carols (St Andy's to organise) Street drama with young people. Community carol service 20 Dec in this church. Christingle service at St Andy's. (This is to happen on an annual basis)

Children's holiday club: 2010 we are hoping to be meeting with St Andys regarding this, linking up with them to perhaps help with an older age group here at our church. The question was asked regarding Starbeck Gala could the churches do something together, perhaps run church football for young people.

Know & Grow. Nick and David to spend Friday morning analysing and gathering up information to put into the system which Know & Grow supply. The result will be brought to the General Church Meeting on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

Outreach meeting will get report first and will decide how to present the report to the meeting.

Church Weekend away: Provisional booking made by Nick at Green Gables in Scarborough 15<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> Oct 2010. Fees Full board £82.50 per person half price for ages 4 to 12, no charge for under 4's. It will run from Friday evening to Sunday lunch. Deposit will be needed. In order to encourage more people to go the church will cover the cost; however, the idea is to hope that more people will be able to go if the cost is shared.

Robin suggested a gift aid. Team to organise the weekend.

All agreed for the church to cover the cost.

Church Property: Mike Clipston – Mike reported that the church building is used every single day of the week both during the day and in the evening.

This generates much-needed funds. Most of these are long-term bookings however there are some short-term bookings and a children's party booked for December. The groups are many and varied.

Mike asked that if you represent any group and you wish to change your times or extend them, then please let Mike know, do not assume that it will be ok, as he has to fit in all times with other groups.

House groups and prayer meetings, it will be interesting to know what comes from Know & Grow, Nick would like Wednesday to become the prayer day at Starbeck.

**General Church meeting Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November 2009 at 7:30pm in the church.**

AOB: M. Clipston, asked all members to not expect rooms to be free for meetings without checking with Mike.

Date of next meeting Thursday Feb 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm 2010

Date of next meeting Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October 7:00pm 2010

Nick thanked all for attending and encourages fellow church council members to attend the next meeting.

Nick closed the meeting with a prayer.