

Starbeck Methodist Church

Resources Team

28 January 2006

Present

Julia Mosley, (Chair) Rev Alan Bolton, Rev Geoff Wilkinson, Edward Smith, (Treasurer)
Alan Johnson, Rachel Denham, (Secretary) Chris Lynch, Ian Bailes, Brian Clarke, Chris Thomas,
Keith Nowell, Aline Nowell

1. **Apologies**

Malcolm Binks

2. **Minutes and matters arising**

Minutes from 01/10/05 agreed as accurate record

E Smith stated that the accounts would be audited by the time of the next Church Council.

£25 has been given to the District Benevolent Fund.

3. **Finance report**

E Smith presented the finance report for the current financial year (general unrestricted funds).
Salient points:

E Smith to write to NYCC regarding the lease, with a summary of rent that has been received and what remains outstanding.

ACTION: ES

General concern regarding accuracy of water meter reading as it was felt to be low. K Nowell indicated that he didn't believe that the main meter has been read by the water supplier for some time. There is a separate meter for the Community and Youth Centre.

Whilst it appears on the budget, A Bolton suggested that it was unlikely that an organist would require payment this financial year. Concern from the Team about the likely situation once Anne Bolton has moved. A Bolton advised that enquiries are being made about a replacement organist, as well as a non-human gismo.

Lengthy discussion about the coding on the budget of a number of expenditures / incomes. Agreed that the two Fairs, the coffee mornings, the puddings, the blue bags, 75th anniversary events would all be recorded under one heading "Fundraising". Separate records will indicate funds raised from these individual events.

G Wilkinson indicated that funds can be anticipated from Summer teas.

Agreed that J Mosley can use funds to pay for posters on the outside notice board.

A donation has been received, which is restricted funds and therefore not evident on E Smith's budget.

A Bolton asked about the situation with the Benevolent Fund – to be checked.

ACTION: ES

E Smith presented a draft budget for September 2006 – August 2007 which was accepted by the Team.

In real terms, the amount of collection received has declined.

Utility suppliers differ between the Churches so agreed that E Smith would research alternatives for Starbeck. **ACTION: ES**

4. Gift Aid

A Nowell presented report, which indicates that from April 2005 to January 2006, £1000 less than the same period last year has been received in the collection and therefore there has been a decline in £100 of recoverable tax.

5. Fundraising

Sue & Chris Lynch and Chris Binks have held recent meeting. The puddings were a success. The Spring Fair on 01/04/06 has been organised and the Mayoress has agreed to open it. Betty's are providing a hamper and music has been arranged. Future fundraising ideas include the Nidderdale walk (sponsored), plates for the 75th anniversary. Agreed that in relation to Functions for Fun events, ideally one person oversees the programme / bookings whilst another / others do the 'leg work'.

6. General maintenance

A Johnson reported that Granville Ward has agreed to take responsibility for the repair of front bench.

Council have undertaken some gardening in the Church grounds.

G Wilkinson reported some loose tiles. B Clarke reported some re-pointing required. Gutters need attention. Agreement from the Team to erect a fence along the boundaries of the Church, as previously discussed.

ACTION: MB

Front wall has become a priority. The Team heard that M Binks has already researched options and it was proposed that a special (short) meeting is arranged to discuss these.

ACTION: MB to liaise with RD to set date

G Wilkinson reported that the kitchen boiler has now been replaced and paid for by Lunch Club. The old one to be removed.

ACTION: IB

Boiler in Church hall to be replaced. Options to be researched and reported back to the Team

ACTION: GW

7. Refurbishment

M Binks prepared a report for the meeting which indicates the state of play with the heating, lighting and building plans. All agreed with progress so far.

The bulk of the finance for the project is expected to come from the sale of 53 Forest Lane, which has been recently valued at £230,000, and £60,000 from our budget. Draft forms to be completed within the next week and sent to Manchester. Assuming their agreement with the proposal, then the forms will be passed to the District.

ACTION: AB

A Johnson has made visiting groups to the Church of possible disruption to the building.

8. Health and Safety

J Mosley has recently attended the Property Circuit meeting where a representative from the Methodist Insurance company attended and provided some useful information in relation to health and safety.

K Nowell raised the issue of the chairs in the main Church which are sometimes moved to a place where people cannot get in, such as the rows are too close together. He requested that the carpet is marked with tape to indicate where rows of chairs should be placed, to avoid any further difficulties.

ACTION: AJ

J Mosley and E Clarke to arrange to meet up.

9. Key holders

R Denham reported that a reasonably accurate list of all key holders to the Church has now been ascertained.

Mike Clipston has recently written to R Denham requesting that the police be updated on current keyholders, should a call-out be necessary. R Denham circulated the letter that has now been sent to the Police naming A Johnson for the Church and Kevin Gay / Sue Hamilton for the Youth and Community Centre. Kevin Gay has informed that alarm from the Youth and Community Centre directly calls him or two other colleagues.

10. Link magazine

A meeting has taken place between Ken Redshaw and others. Agreed to continue the magazine in its current style and with the layout of adverts to remain the same. The Resources Team has made a recommendation that the price of the adverts should increase to an annual fee of £30. The Church Council to make the final decision on that issue. Agreed to increase the circulation of the magazine to the whole of the community roll and perhaps to local libraries too.

11. Photocopier

G Wilkinson reported that the photocopier is currently working okay though in the longer term it was agreed that the Church's printing facilities will be re-visited. Damp can cause problems with the paper and it is not the fault of the machine. Agreed that the purchase of an oil filled heater for the room will assist.

ACTION: GW

12. Gardening

The Resources Team is thrilled that the Council has undertaken some gardening.

13. Any other business

A Bolton reported that the Primary School intends to spend its money on sensory garden musical instruments.

A Bolton informed the Team that 3 overseas causes will be proposed for next year's donations. The Church Council will decide which is to be chosen.

01/04/06 – 30/03/07 will be A Nowell's last year as Gift Aid secretary. All other appointments are to remain the same.

K Nowell reported that he has extended the Church's website and is also working on one for the Circuit.

C Thomas requested that the umbrella stands be moved from their current location. Also a request for the Girls Brigade noticeboard be moved

ACTION: CL

14. Next meetings

20 May 2006 & 30 September 2006
9:30 – 12:00