



# All Saints' Church

Preston on Tees

Minutes of the Extraordinary PCC Meeting on Monday 6 January 2020,

19.30 at 22 Dunottar Avenue, Eaglescliffe, TS16 0AB

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Action</b>
	Debbie Bunford, Lucy Falcus, Simon Honeywell, Martin Howard, Karen Killick. Kathie Lambert, John Littlehailes, Scott Linnett, Pamela Rushton, Richard Spratt, John Taylor, Margaret Vaughan Nicola Wrightson, and David Warren. <u>Chair:</u> John Lambert.	
<b>1</b>	<b>Apologies for Absence</b> Apologies had been received from Paul Arnold, Lawrence Gnanaraj, Stuart Levin and Ian Taylor.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Phase 3</b> Martin Howard spoke initially to the papers he had circulated to the PCC. While there may be some “tweaks” to be made, the overall picture is contained in them. The tenders were reviewed, and all the companies were looked at. The figures given are just for the two lowest quotes: the others are available if any member wishes to see them. Coulter Smith (the lowest bidder) has been increasing its turnover and profits, and it looks reliable. We have spoken to past users of the company, each is happy with the work done. Our architects also are happy to recommend them. There is some contingency built into the quotes. Various questions were asked about the actual work, and especially about the heating and electrical work. Margaret Vaughan presented the financial position overall, posing two queries. Can we afford to do the work now? How do we ultimately pay for the work? If we move £7,500 from the General Fund we <u>can</u> pay for the work done when the requests for payment come in. If we compare the actual outcome for 2019 to the budgeted outcome for 2020 we see that the prediction for 2020 is a few thousand less than the 2019 actual. If the PCC were to control the expenditure on consumables etc., and perhaps with some maintenance held over, we should finish within the predictions. If we behave more frugally, we could certainly save a few thousand, and therefore we could reasonably take another £7,500 available from the General Fund towards the end of 2020. In December 2021, we would be indebted by £27,048. How do we raise this money needed at this time? We are unable to get grants in general for worship spaces (though we have been given £5,000 towards the cost of the baptistry). Various options were outlined, and it is clear that this is a question which is resolvable, and which will fall to the PCC to deal with when we are nearer the time. We clearly can achieve Phase 3 without using all of our reserves. Were we a business looking for expansion we would move forward on the basis of our reserves and our increasing income. In our situation, and in the light of our changing commitments during the coming years we will have to keep a close eye on expenditure during the next couple of years.	

	<p>There was some discussion about the changes which have been taking place within the church, referred to above, and the PCC wondered about the Phase 2 work. It was felt that we should have a further extraordinary meeting of the whole church after Phase 3 is finished about what we should do in the light of imminent changes.</p> <p><b>Proposed</b> by Martin Howard that we proceed with Phase 3 using Coulter Smith, working with the figures given to the PCC this evening (committing to move £7,500 from the General Fund when required) and aiming to repay the loans by the end of 2021. <b>Seconded</b> by Simon Honeywell <b>All in Favour</b>.</p> <p>Kathie Lambert finished with prayer for the church and the project in hand.</p>	
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