

Crook Peak Parish PCC meeting minutes,

Monday January 6th 2020 at 7.45pm, held in Weare Church Room

The meeting opened with prayer.

Those present: - Judith Jeffery (JJ), Ruth & Gary Oriss (RO) (GO), Mary Counsell (MC), Pete Murray (PM), Jill Smith (JS), Claire Talbot (CT), Paul Wattam (PW). Stephen McColgan (SM) Jackie Klinker (JK), Linda McPherson (LMc) - David Parker (DP), Jackie Klinker (JK)

Apologies: Mary Amesbury (MA),

Minutes of last meeting: - 30.9.2019 signed as a true account.

Matters arising: - Church room has had 2 windows restored and 1 still waiting to be done.

Correspondence. None

Committee Reports: - *Financial report* from PW, There has been no financial committee meeting. Nat West A/C balance stands at £6,558.00 after paying £7000 towards parish share. Total Parish share = £29,514. Crook Peak Parish still owes £5,514 for this year. Plus payment needs to be made towards Charitable giving, approx. £3,000. Question, do we pay the full Parish share? It was felt this money should be paid as we can, PW to use his discretion to make payments as it can be afforded, paying off as much as possible. Income that is due to Parish; HMRC tax rebate for period up to 5.4.18 should be £5, 500 approx. It was agreed last year to give £400 to St Monica's trust, but there is a query, do they really need it as they are well supported. Suggestion made, could that money go to Axbridge singing for people with dementia? SM will look into this possibility and report back. PW requested all 6 Churches give him their accounts by the end of February 2020 as they need to be approved in preparation for the AGM in April 2020.

LMG, Chapter meetings see reports. JJ reported the marriage preparation courses were well attended. There has been no chapter meeting for some time, JJ missed the last one but Andrew Hiscox attended instead.

Deanery and Diocesan Synod, see report from PM of meeting 8.10.19. St Mary's Berrow.

Car scheme – PW said it is on-going.

Church room- see RO report attached.

Weare School, JJ reported the school harvest service was well attended. Open the Book has not been in recently.

Village reports: - **Badgworth:** - JK reported the Bells have now been rung, new bell ropes still needed. She asked people to save the date of 29.3.2020 6pm, when the Arch Deacon and Special Choir are coming to Badgworth Church to dedicate the Bells and Music. The strip of land has now been sold. There has been vandalism /disturbances in the Church yard, by youths / teenagers. There has been an Advent evensong service when 45 people attended.

Biddisham Church: - CT reported the Advent lunch was a success and well attended. It showed a good example of outreach and communication with the village. The carol service went well, with 40/50 people coming, Ken Brown took the service. The wall hanging should be finished by the end of 2020.

Christon Church:-MC and DP have met with Marcus from Benjamin& Beauchamp architects; another meeting is planned for 17.1.20. Research is on-going looking at which type of paint needs to be used, before full approval can be presented to the Arch Deacon. On October 12th 14 volunteers helped to tidy the Church yard up, doing hedging, grave tidying overall the doing an excellent job leaving a tidy spruced up Church yard. Christmas lunch was cooked for 40 people in Loxton village hall and was a great success.

Compton Bishop Church: - SM reported a Church tidy up was organised with 11 people helping with a general tidy up. On November 30th St Andrew's day, a soup lunch was held and well attended with lots of chatting and enjoyment. St Andrew's Gift Day raised £1,320, although fewer people donated larger sums of money were given. In Christmas week Cross Connections had 2 carol services, one on Saturday in Cross and one on Sunday in Church, which was followed by mulled wine. This is a good example of outreach to the community. Christmas Eve services; less people came to midnight service 36 in total. The Crib service was well attended with 64 people. Parish councils have issued an edict to parish clerks saying parish councils should not be contributing to church related matters.

Loxton Church: - LMc reported a successful Cheese& wine evening was held in December which raised £525. MC kindly suggested all the profit, which usually is shared with Christon Church, go solely to Loxton Church this year, due to the financial crisis it finds itself in and the concern felt about it by all. Loxton is very grateful to her. The carol service was well attended and supported by 70 Loxton & Christon residents. The extra collection after the service raised a further £50 for the maintenance fund. On January 2nd a wedding took place which highlighted the need for toilets when there was a delay of one & a half hours, so people were waiting a long time. LMc said she would welcome the support of the PCC members to the open meeting on January 15th 2020 to discuss the future of Loxton Church. She would like to make January 14th 2-4pm a time of prayer, reflection and meditation in Loxton Church in preparation for this meeting. An ecclesiastical historian visited Loxton Church recently and has sent a detailed report back to the Church which will be used at the meeting to raise awareness of the Church's long history. The church mower has been recently serviced ready for 2020 mowing season. Thank you to JS for organising this and keeping the rota for mowing the grass. The parish council has kindly donated £200 for strimming the church yard.

Weare Church: - PW reported the roof problem has now been resolved. There is a sides person rota in place. They had a well-attended Christmas carol singing event around the Christmas tree outside.

Badgworth Church: - 2 trusts resolutions to be deferred till next meeting.

St Andrew's Church Loxton: - JJ reported there will be an open meeting at Loxton village hall on Wednesday January 15th 7pm, to give local people a chance to express their views on the future of Loxton Church. She has had discussions with the CEO of national Grid who is interested in helping financially as is the financial advisor Garry Watson. They do need to see the structural engineer's report (costing £2,500) before they will commit any monies. Also any contractors who would be willing to carry out the work will need this report before proceeding. The engineer is carrying out the

survey today. Possible contractors are Mark Wall builder from Tarnock who could do the wall that Nat Grid may fund; Brian Fishlock could do the emergency work, costing £14,000. £70,000 needed to do all the necessary work e.g. electrics, water supply, roof. She has invited various people from the Diocese i.e. Rural Dean, Architects, plus others. Once a plan has been made it will have to come back to the PCC for approval. A group from Loxton is needed to take on the project to oversee the works, finances, and legal issues. LMc is going to open Loxton Church on 14.1.2020 2 to 4 pm for prayer in regards to this large project.

A Reader for Crook Peak parish: - Gary Oriss has come forward to become a Reader. Crook Peak very pleased to support this move. SM proposed "Gary Oriss to become the Reader" 1 abstention, all voted in favour.

Andrew Hiscox placement: - His time with Crook Peak went well he was well liked. JJ asked for quotes from parishioners that she could use in her report on his placement.

Service rota adjustments: - The rota was changed as of last Sunday, see rota attached. Suggestion made that communion be moved to 9.30 am to help people who will further away. 2 teams are needed, 1 to do breakfast, 1 to do services. People seem to like Praise & Worship singing. Questionnaire is going out to all parishioners asking for their views on the changes. Do we need to consider using other churches more for 10, am service, so new people coming to villages are not lost? JJ felt there were practical issues, like moving equipment, around to other churches. Can we use emails to circulate service sheets, hymns? Church could get individual hymn books for the 6 churches? Which type of worship format should be used BCP or Common Worship? Possibly make changes after Easter.

VE day May 2020:- JJ has no information to date, other than it will be a Bank Holiday.

News on Toilets how is it going at Compton Bishop: - SM said their Portaloo system works well and is appreciated.

Discipleship/Outreach: - Already covered at service rota adjustments section.

AOB: - MC queried does PCC need to approve a faculty application? Discussion around, do faculties have to be approved by PCC. GO proposed "The PCC approval is needed when applying for faculties for work that the quinquennial survey states need doing, and which grant approvals are needed" Unanimous vote in agreement.

Meeting closed, The Grace was said at 9.45pm

Next meeting: - Monday March 30th 2020 7.45pm at Weare Church room.

AGM to be on Monday April 20th, vestry meetings at 7.30pm