**St Mary’s Church, Arminghall – Minutes of the PCC Meeting**
Wednesday 24th January 2018 at 1.00pm, Bluebell Lodge, Arminghall

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| **Present** | Revd Rob Baker, Pat Howlett, Jim Howlett, Annie Leathers, Pam Kemp, Freyja Mardell |
| **Apologies** | NONE |

1. The meeting was started with an opening prayer given by Revd Rob Baker
2. No absentees, everyone is present for the meeting (see above names)
3. Minutes of the last meeting were adopted by Pam Kemp, and seconded by Pat Howlett, *Revd Rob Baker signed the previous meeting’s minutes.*
4. **Matters arising**

a)July/August plans and events – the children’s summer club proposed dates
b)shoeboxes
c) budget – *all to be discussed within each point on the agenda*

1. **Election of PCC secretary** – Freyja Mardell has been elected. Annie Leathers proposed, seconded by Pam Kemp.
2. **Vicars report**
3. **Gathering to pray**- prayer meetings are written on a rota on the website but is there more that we can do to get more people in. Thoughts on flyers were discussed, with a view to add more information on them about what a prayer meeting is, to get more people across the groups to commit to them. Transport has been highlighted as a big issue stopping people from attending, perhaps finding out if people wish to come and offering group car shares is a solution. Next prayer meeting is to be held on 21st February.
4. **Benefice share** is at £3980.00, last year we paid £1600.00. Given the struggles to raise the benefice share, it was suggested that all the churches get together with someone from the Diocese to decide how to divide the Benefice Share moving forward. A meeting is to be arranged between all PCCs. Jim Howlett proposed to raise the direct debit up to£200 per month, which was seconded by Annie Leathers.
5. In June there will be a new course – Leading your church into growth. Rob is looking for people who wish to go to it, to let him know. Rob will be attending the Arrow course and will be away for a couple of weeks later this year, but he won’t be missing any Sundays.
6. Wardens meeting last week – Topics of discussion were Lent plans - breakfasts, year plans across the group. Reflecting on the visits from Bishop Alan and Jill Gower, regarding prayer importance. After school club, APCMS are coming up 6th March, all reports needs to be in by the 25th February.
7. **Community, Discipleship and Evangelism**
8. No further forward with the extension plans for the church. The discussion started with the question of do we run with trying to get something started this year? Everyone was in agreement that it should. Two points were highlighted to get it off the ground:
1. Establish interest 2. Money. It was suggested that there should be a mention about the extension on St George’s Day, 23rd April 2018 to create interest. Rob has agreed to commit to starting an investigation to find sources/grants for money before the APCMs – at the APCM, we will all chat about the St George’s Day plan to begin advertising.
9. Afternoon service (a suggestion was made to start doing it within a home, it was agreed that it will bring in more people). Recommended to have small invitations for people – worth a try at the next church service (28th January)
10. **Recent Events**
a) Coffee Morning -Went well, but quiet, £192 was raised, much of it from jams/cakes and pickles
11. **Christmas 2017** -Carol service, a large number of people attended it, and it was a success, mostly village people, positive feedback overall including a comment “one of the nicest carol services that they had ever been to” Christmas morning only a few people attended -8, as discussed in the churchwardens’ meeting, Christmas was full of illness for people, which may have brought down the numbers. Plans ahead: Another Christmas meal in Arminghall church hall, 11th December 7pm proposed date. 9th December proposed date for next Christmas carol service 6.30pm
12. **Forthcoming Events**

a) 10am Ash Wednesday at Arminghall. Evening in the church hall 7.30pm with Lyn Marsh. The first lent breakfast at 8.30am, will be held in the church hall.

b) The APCMs booklet will need all the submissions–Annie to do warden’s report. Annie is away for the APCMs. Freyja to produce election forms prior to this meeting.
c) 11th March 2018 Morning service is already booked in, have it with a mothering Sunday theme, service as normal at 9am with potentially coffee and biscuits afterwards.

1. **More events for 2018**

The idea for Lawrence to return withan evening of music at the end of June/July /mid-summer, Saturday 23rd June 2018 proposed as a good night to have the event, with wine and nibbles. Potentially Summer food- BBQ? with an interval – this event is to be advertised greatly in the area with posters, website, free for all, social media. On the 30th June is Lyn’s ordination at the Cathedral- all welcome. Coffee mornings proposed again August – November. August 15th with a prayer session afterwards.

1. **Treasurers report**

£192.62 coffee morning, £355.00 shoe boxes, £72.43 Christmas lights with mulled wine.
£598.64- £133.06 in the bank, but need to add expenses from last year, and the fees for occasional offices due to the diocese are still to be paid. Freyja’s wages –was signed for in agreement by Revd. Rob. Jim needs to go through last year’s expenses with Revd. Rob, and they will draft the budget in time together, and clarify the initial figures and tidy finances

1. **Correspondence** – None
2. **Any other business** - Easter – Good Friday 10am service at Arminghall coffee and hot cross buns afterwards.
3. **Date of next meeting** – APCM 6th March 2018; next full PCC meeting Wednesday 2nd May 1pm at Annie’s house.
4. The meeting ended at 3.00pm with a closing prayer

Minutes were recorded by Freyja Mardell and verified by Revd Rob Baker.