



# Guiseley Methodist Church

Wharfedale & Aireborough Circuit

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## Minutes of the Church Council Meeting 25 June 2019

**1 Opening devotions** were led by the Chair Revd Roger Smith – thinking especially of Deacon Jenny who is being ordained this week.

Roger welcomed Lorette Porter, Catherine Mouncey and Dorothy Parkinson as new reps, and reps returned for another 3 years Julie Boocock, Audrey Dawson and Caroline Finlay. Also welcomed - Sam Burnley and Sue Wright.

Attendees and apologies are listed at the end of the minutes.

The minutes from 25 February were signed as correct.

Matters arising: Plans for Christmas Eve service need to be formalised. **RS**

AOB One item to date

## **2 Church Appointments for 2019 – 20**

Junior Church: Ann Bentley is stepping down as Junior Church leader at the end of August.

Thanks and flowers to be given to her in church before she leaves **AN**

Roger will consult with all children's workers to make new arrangements **RS/HM**

Jean Beever ends her term as steward in August. Letter of thanks to be given to her **AN**

## **3 Updates**

Finance: The report had been circulated. Re the WYDAN surplus it was agreed to save it until next year in the event that we repeat the Refugees' week. Regular giving has fallen by £3K. This will have to be monitored and we might look at a regular giving appeal.

Gift Aid: The special appeal has resulted in an increase of £1,5K.

Property: The hall and entrance foyer must be re-roofed as matter of urgency as none of it was done to industry standard initially and it is very dangerous. A second quote is awaited and a third will be sought. Council agreed that the property team decide on the best option and proceed with the work if within £20K budget. Agreed to use £10K from Property Reserve and the rest from Legacy money. If the cost is higher Council will have to agree it. Should further work be needed on remainder of roof, we may be able to obtain some grant money.

Water supply: Three galvanised tanks in the roof are to be drained as they are past their useful life. All our water will be connected to the mains supply on 20 and 21 August when the building will be shut down. Catherine Mouncey kindly offered to pay for this work and Council agreed to accept her generous offer.

Heating: We have been advised that replacement boilers and heating system can be delayed until 2020, estimated at £9500. Will be more environmentally friendly.

Details of all this expenditure to be publicised.

**Property team**

Room Bookings: Council agreed to two bookings:

1 Via Full Circle for a 10 week course (meeting once weekly) for men over 60 to come to terms with bereavement. We will offer to cover this for a one off price of £350, specifying kitchen time and making sure they are aware that parking may be limited as they will be coming on Tuesdays.

2 A regular monthly hire of the hall on a Saturday (£77 per session) 10.30-2.30 for a year. For a sale of babies' and children's goods.

Pastoral: Report has been circulated. An update is that now we have 118 members.

Safeguarding: Report has been circulated. Higher level CSS training sessions will be held here January 2020, our four attendees are aware.

World & Neighbourhood: The minutes can be seen on the notice board. We have been notified of a coffee morning at the Baptist Church on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June.

From the circuit: Since some churches have better facilities than others they are used more for training events etc. In future a fee will be paid to the church when these events are held. Peter reported that he receives many compliments on the facilities, cleanliness and atmosphere in our church.

Topics for discussion: Discussions took place re the following:

Activities organiser: This report had been circulated. Council agreed to a children and young people's group for Friday nights, a joint venture between us and the Baptist Church, to be held on our premises and seen as a community venture. Sam is also looking at an early Sunday morning fun service with a breakfast for young families. Having visited several churches in the area, other Sunday morning worship ideas Sam is working on are:

- To have tables in the foyer for families with small children and the children to come into the church itself for a story.
- Older children to take a pre-prepared active part in the service so there can be various worship styles and all age worship.
- A look at parade services (which are no longer compulsory for the Scouts, Guides etc) and include young people reading prayers.

Sunday evening services: Yeadon are no longer able to host as many evening services as they have done, so Council agreed on the following schedule:

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday	No evening service – afternoon service at Primrose Court	
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Circuit service	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	Discussion/Bible study at Guiseley	<b>Organisation TBA</b>
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Alternate Guiseley and Yeadon services	
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	No evening service. There is a small Communion service at Ben Rhydding and Evensong at St Oswald's for anyone who wishes to attend.	

Other items to be discussed another time: Work with children & young people & the elderly, responding to people in need eg rough sleepers, 'The Methodist Way of Life'.

#### **4 Any other business**

Our CLT requests that we set up a small prayer corner inside our church itself, to make it a little more accessible. Council agreed to this and Hilary will discuss it with Jenny. **Hilary/jenny**

Council agreed to Peter's suggestion we buy a trolley for transporting the big tables around the church, to make it easier for those who put them up and take them down.

#### **5 Next Church Council meeting**

To be held on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed with everyone saying The Grace together.

Signed  
**Church Council meeting 25 Jun 2019**

Date

**Attendees:**

Council members:

Joyce Bloomfield, Julie Boocock, Leni and Peter Busfield, Audrey Dawson, Jane Dick, Richard Griffin, Roger Halliwell, Elizabeth Hoyle, Tony King, Catherine Mouncey, Hilary Murden, Richard Naylor, Dorothy Parkinson, Alan Pickles, Loretter Porter, Nancy and Keith Reed, Lorna Saxton, Alan Sheath, Pamela Slater, Christine Turner, Ann Vear, Rosemary and Ian Williams, Anne North (Secretary)

Visitors:

Samantha Burnley, Sue Wright

**Apologies:**

Allan Akers, Lynne Bootland, Jean Fletcher, Julie Hipkin, Sarah Morrish, Jenny Parnell, Viv Pitts, Pamela Slater