



# Guiseley Methodist Church

Wharfedale & Aireborough Circuit

Oxford Road, Guiseley, Leeds LS20 9EP

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## Minutes of the Church Council Meeting 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018

**Opening devotions** were led by Revd Roger Smith with 'The Carer's Prayer'

- 1** There were 20 attendees and 16 apologies  
Previous minutes were approved and signed as correct  
Matters arising: Arranging preacher for Anniversary Sunday is to be the remit of the stewards. Suggestion to invite VA for 2019. **Stewards**  
Several items for AOB.
- 2 Matters from General Church Meeting**  
Newly elected Council members were welcomed, and all members of Church Leadership team. A note of thanks will be sent to JH as she retires as steward.  
The position of correspondent to the Wharfedale needs to be clarified and then volunteers will be sought.
- 3 FH legacy**  
The proposals for upgrading the projection system and for renovation of the stained glass window were discussed at length.
  - The Council accepted an estimate in the sum of £8,500 for the complete renovation of the stained glass window in church. It was agreed to fund this work from the FH legacy held in Trust 21249 'Various Bequests' at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.
  - The Council agreed to update the projection system in church by purchasing a new projector, laptop and monitor with associated electrical work up to a cost of £4,000. It was agreed to fund this work from the Freda Hudell legacy held in Trust 21249 'Various Bequests' at Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes.
  - Council voted not to pursue the proposal for automatic doors as the work would involve altering the fabric of the porch and would be very expensive. Existing doors may need replacing in near future.
  - Council agreed not to acquire an intercom for Tots. Even the simplest one is complicated and E is happy with current system.
  - Acoustic panels for the hall were discussed and Council agreed that this should be followed up and more information obtained. **Property team**
  - Employing a lay worker: Leadership Team brought no proposal re this (see notes). After school clubs and 'Who let the dads out?' were mentioned, and Council agreed that the LT take it further as we do need someone to develop new initiatives. **LT**

Thanks to all who are working on these matters.

- 4 Reports**  
Finance – no questions  
Gift Aid “

Property – concerns expressed re Health and Safety in church due to carpet. Possibility of stretching carpet being investigated.

World & Neighbourhood – no questions

Safeguarding – no questions

Pastoral – No questions. The bereavement service, in conjunction with Full Circle, was very much appreciated by all those who attended and will be repeated in the future.

Church Committee structure diagram produced by stewards and LT:

Council agreed to accept this and that an open meeting be held twice a year to discuss worship and discipleship issues.

LT

**5 From the Circuit**

- The Circuit Stewards' report had been circulated. IW emphasised the need for more Circuit Stewards. Stationing procedure is under way re Lesley Taylor's re-invitation. Council thanked IW for all the work he does in many areas of the church.

- Christians Against Poverty: Circuit proposes that we work in partnership with CAP to run a debt centre/service. CAP has great expertise in creating realistic budgets and working with people to achieve them whilst clearing their debts. SM spoke in support of CAP from her experiences with clients at work. CAP make sure people know they come in Christian charity and find that clients are happy to join in church activities. Initial proposal is to run the service for three years, costing £20K per year. Majority vote was that our church pledge £1000 for each of three years and hold an annual appeal for donations as well.

**6 Any other business**

- Council agreed that a funeral organist fee be £50 with no charge for church members.

- A volunteer fair is being held in Guiseley, evening of Tues 26 June. Council agreed we take a stall and tell people about our outreach and invite them to join us.

- 'Songs of Praise' is to be filmed at York on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July, 6.30 to 9.30pm. Anyone interested can apply to attend, details will be in church notices.

**7 Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm.

**The meeting closed with everyone saying the Grace together.**

*Church Council secretary*

Signed .....

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