

SHEFFIELD (WEST) CIRCUIT MEETING  
HELD 10<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2009 AT WESLEY HALL CHURCH

Devotions were led by Louise Etherington, Dorothy White and John Simms  
Attendance: There were 36 members present and 7 apologies received. Chairman:  
Rev T. Bradshaw

Rev. Catrin Harland (in her absence) and Nel Shallow were welcomed to the meeting.  
It was agreed to send letters of greeting to Michael and Rachel Wildgust.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th July were accepted as a correct record.

Matters arising from the minutes: A paper on the Circuit's policy and one on a Safeguarding Officer Role Description was agreed.

The meeting agreed to appoint Kathy Smith as Circuit Safeguarding Officer.

ADR Reviewers: the requirements for these will become clearer after the District Synod meets.

Hallam Lay worker: A meeting to be held shortly between representatives of Hallam, Stephen Hill, Broomhill and Crookes Valley. Network treasurer still needed.

Circuit Review Group Recommendations: A form of words encapsulating the resolution to be put before each Church Council was agreed along with a pro<sup>P</sup>osed timetable. The "new" Churches to be operational starting the 1<sup>st</sup> September 2010.

Mapping a Way Forward: Work is on going on the Circuits response to these proposals.

Circuit Staffing: The meeting agreed the application forms for a Probationer Presbyter, a Presbyter (if Probationer not approved) and a Deacon completed at the Circuit Invitations meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2009

Sabbatical support groups for Adrienne Nixon and Tim Bradshaw will need to be appointed at the next meeting.

Steven Sowerby Candidacy for the Diaconal Order: Steven told the meeting of his call to the Diaconal ministry and answered questions put to him by members of the meeting. A paper vote gave 28 in favour, 3 against and 5 abstentions.

Finance and Property:

A meeting of Church Treasurers is to be held on the 13<sup>th</sup> October to look at the requirements for schedules, reserves policy, trustees reports and risk assessments.

In John Whiteman's absence it was reported that the Circuit was currently running a deficit of £33,942 made up of: £15,000 excess expenditure on manses, £6000 on

Rivelin Glen Chapel and £2000 on removal costs. The situation had been worsened by unpaid assessments. The Circuit reserves were now at six months expenditure. As Don Smith represents the Circuit at Deanery and District Local Preacher's meetings it was agreed he should be a member of the meeting following his relinquishing his property role.

Rivelin Glen: It was reported that without vehicle access to the road the value of the building was low. Efforts are being made to purchase a strip of land connecting to the road.

Manse: It was suggested that Glebe Road be sold and Reservoir Road be updated. Quotations for the work being obtained. Canterbury Avenue needs work doing as it has a small kitchen and no downstairs cloakroom. It is proposed to offer the Deacon appointed for September 2010 the choice of Canterbury Avenue or 23 Burnt Stones Close. The later manse to be let for one year.

Crookes Valley Council have decided that the ring fence money from the sale of their premises would not be required by them in the future. Wesley Hall brought a request for help in replacing valves in their heating system at an estimated cost of £1000. The meeting agreed subject to approval by the energy group.

Any Other Business: Chris Iddon drew the attention of the meeting to the meeting on climate change being held in Copenhagen and urged people to write to their Members of Parliament and to the Prime Minister urging him to attend. Jenny Carpenter said that three meetings were planned on climate change on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> October and the 11<sup>th</sup> November and that on the first Saturday in December there is to be a rally in London.

#### Dates of future meetings

25 <sup>th</sup> November 2009	Broomhill	evening
20 <sup>th</sup> March 2010	Hallam St.	all day
6 <sup>th</sup> July 2010	St. Luke's	evening
8 <sup>th</sup> September 2010	Loxley	evening
23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2010	Crookes Valley	evening