

Additional Meeting of the PCC of St Denys Church Ravensthorpe – Called to discuss choice of water heater for hot drinks as part of reordering project.

23rd October 2019, 7pm, at 21 Church Gardens, Ravensthorpe

<u>Agenda Item</u>	<u>Minutes</u>	<u>Action agreed</u>
1	Opening prayer	
2	Attendance & apologies	
3	Introduction & context	

The meeting opened with a short reflection and prayer from CP.

In attendance: Rev Chris Peck (chair) 'CP', Alice Cooper 'AC', John Mott 'JMo', Meg Benn 'MB', Chris Freeman 'CF', John Matts 'JMa', and Gill Douglas 'GD', Steve King 'SK', Kieren Cooper 'KC'.

CP introduced the purpose of the meeting as follows:

- At the September meeting of the PCC a discussion had been held as to the choice of means of heating hot water for hot drinks in the newly built servery at St Denys following concerns raised by some members as to the choice that had been included in the specification passed by the DAC. After a full discussion, a vote had been taken and the majority of members had supported the option of a wall mounted, autofill water heater, with a general preference for the recommended Zip Hydroboil model (albeit a comparison of it against 2 other alternative models was asked for to make the final choice). The decision was therefore taken.
- However, following discussions with others parishioners, some members of the PCC had expressed significant residual concerns with this decision after the meeting. As such it had been proposed that an additional meeting be held as soon as possible to revisit this decision for one final time, so that any decisions made did not result in a significant delay to the building team onsite. This proposal had been accepted by the PCC members.
- Since the September meeting, as a result of the residual concerns raised, the chair had offered, and held, a meeting with any members of the coffee rota team who wished to have their views on this choice heard. Some concerns were expressed by them about the proposed Zip Hydroboil by 6 members of the current rota. Notes of this meeting had been circulated by CP to the PCC members.
- There had also been a request of the architect as to a list of other churches currently using the Zip system, in response to which 5 local churches were suggested. Some PCC members had visited and/or talked to these churches about their experiences with the system and how they were used. Of those 5 churches currently using the Zip Hydroboil, no significant concerns were raised, albeit some members were aware of other local churches using other systems. Views following visits by GD and JMo had been shared, and AC had also circulated notes and photos to the PCC from her visits and conversations with the 5 churches to PCC members based on the specific questions asked by members about the system at the previous meeting.
- AC had also talked to Ecclesiastical (our insurers) regarding the various options being proposed by members, and received advice from their Risk Advice team, which had also been circulated to all PCC members.
- CP proposed that for the purposes of fairness and ensuring all were heard, we take an hour for the meeting, and begin by going around all PCC members present to allow each person have the opportunity to spend a few minutes

articulating their views, without interruption, and then we move to any further questions based on this, and, if required, a vote.

Notes from the meeting

Each of the 8 PCC members present (the chair excepted) took around 5 minutes articulating to the group their views as to the factors that were most important to them in the decision, and their conclusion on most appropriate course of action . Following this a few questions were asked of the PCC members based on their views, and CP then concluded that a vote should be taken. The results of the vote were as follows:

In favour of the proposal in the current specification	5
Against this proposal	3
Wishing to abstain	1

It was therefore agreed that the Zip wall mounted water heater be installed as set out in the specification.

Date of Next Meeting

Next PCC meeting:
Monday 11th November – 7.30pm

Closing Prayer

The meeting closed with the Grace at 8pm.

For note

In reviewing the minutes of this meeting in November, it was noted that immediately following the communication of the decision of the PCC as described above, a member of the congregation had made an offer to Rev Chris to pay for the cost of the Zip Hydroboil unit so that the system could be installed at no additional cost to the church funds. This offer had been accepted.