

Annual Parochial Church Council- 8th April 2018

Minutes

1. Attendance and apologies

The meeting started at 6:30 pm after a service of compline (led by Thea Oliver). Fourteen people were in attendance and there were five apologies. The meeting was chaired by Tricia Heckbert.

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The minutes from the meeting of the previous APCM (23rd April 2017) were confirmed as accurate, and signed by Stuart Burns.

3. Vestry meeting for the election of churchwardens

Two nominations had been received: David Cheetham and John English. They were declared duly elected by assent of all present.

4. Statutory reports

All Reports had been circulated in written form and time was allotted to each to allow those present to read or re-read and raise questions. The statutory reports were: Electoral Roll, Report on PCC Proceedings, Financial Report and Accounts, Churchwarden's Fabric Report, and Deanery Synod Report. In Financial reports David was asked about the funding of the organ refurbishment, and about why charitable donations which merely go through church accounts are counted with charitable giving by the parish (an example is Christian Aid). These were answered by the treasurer. The action agreed was to change the wording on our financial return to make the situation clearer. The reports were accepted *en bloc* by all present

5. Other reports

These comprised Worship and Ministry Team, Choir, Covenants, School, Health and Safety, SoSP, Local Ministry Group, Study Groups, and Church Magazine. From the Health and Safety report (J) an action was passed to the next PCC meeting to prioritise and deal with the issues raised.

6. Election of Laity to the PCC for 2018-19

Ex officio members (not needing election) are: David Cheetham and John English (churchwardens); Tricia Lumley, and Thea Oliver (Deanery representatives). Others nominations were: Chris Green, Richard Dingley, Gill Dury, Tricia Heckbert, Colette Jeff, Alison Jeffries and Pat Mullay. These last were voted onto the PCC *en bloc* by all present.

7. Appointment of sides men and women

Collette called for more volunteers for this important role.

8. Appointment of independent financial examiner

David proposed that we should ask Alan Rowntree again. All were in agreement.

9. Remarks from the rector

In his address Stuart thanked all those involved in the running of the church over the last year, particularly the churchwardens and the PCC. He looked forward to developments in the next year, singling out two that we especially eagerly anticipated. Firstly, Thea Oliver had put herself forward to be considered for ordained ministry in the parishes, and had been accepted and encouraged by the three PCCs. The next part of this process is up to the Bishop's Advisory Panel, and our prayers go with her. Secondly, together with Rodney Stoke and Cheddar, we are planning an outreach event to involve refugees currently resident in the Bristol area. This will partly be an entertainment with music and food provided by the refugees themselves, but a local contribution is also expected and we hope that meaningful contact will be made between the local community and that of the refugees.

10. Any other matters of importance to the Parish

(no actions arising)