

The Birstall & Wanlip Annual Parish Meeting

held at 7.20pm on Thursday, 16th April 2015

at St, James the Great, Birstall.

Rev. Kerry Emmett welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer.

Present: Mrs Doreen Bloxam, Mr Tony Bloxam, Mrs Betty Howard, Mrs Nicola Wills, Mrs Rosemary Parrott, Mrs Cicely Plumb, Mrs Elaine White, Mr Andy White, Rev Kerry Emmett, Mrs Tricia Emmett, Mr Bert Tegg, Mrs Marion Tegg, Mrs Julie Ward, Mr John Ward, Mrs Debbie Shephard, Mrs Doreen Wilson, Mrs Mary Bruce, Mr Brian Skidmore, Mrs Sheila Skidmore, Mrs Velma Marriott, Mrs Elaine Moyers, Ms Sandra Robinson, Mrs Joan Folland, Mrs Pat English, Mrs Brenda Todd, Mrs Helen Tarry, Mr Paul Tarry, Mrs Jill Smith, Mrs Dorothy Wakefield, Mr Tony Luxton, Mrs Barbara Luxton, Mr Clive Mobbs, Mrs Kathryn Mobbs, Rev Anne Crosby, Ms Shelagh Noble, Mrs Noreen Talbot.

Apologies were received from: Mrs Janet Waters, Mrs Gill Pope, Mr John Harrison, Mrs Sheila Harrison, Mr Peter Chester, Mrs Gill Chester, Mr. Alastair McHugh, Mrs Beryl McHugh, Ms Josephine Burgess, Mrs Barbara Rhodes, Mr Stephen March, Mrs Sharon March, Mrs Monica Lucas, Mr Howard Johnson, Mrs Gwen Johnson, Mrs Lesley Walton, Mr Peter Watson, Mrs Barbara Watson, Mr Alan Chapman, Mrs Cynthia Chapman

1. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2014

Proposed by: Mr Andy White

Seconded by: Mr Bert Tegg.

The Minutes were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

2. Election of Churchwardens

Birstall (1) Mrs Mary Bruce Proposed by: Mrs Sheryl Jupp
Seconded by: Mrs Margaret Coles

(2) Mr Tony Bloxam Proposed by: Mrs Jenny Cox
Seconded by: Mrs Norma Bass

Wanlip (1) Mr John Ward Proposed By: Mrs Elaine Moyers
Seconded by: Mrs Gill Pope

(2) Mrs Debbie Shephard Proposed by: Mrs Violet Rawlings
Seconded by: Mrs Liz Cockrell

It was declared the above members be duly elected.

Rev Emmett closed the meeting with prayer.

**Meeting of the Birstall & Wanlip Parochial Church Council
held at 7.30pm on Thursday 16th April 2015
at St James the Great**

Present: Mrs Doreen Bloxam, Mr Tony Bloxam, Mrs Betty Howard, Mrs Nicola Wills, Mrs Rosemary Parrott, Mrs Cicely Plumb, Mrs Elaine White, Mr Andy White, Mr Bert Tegg, Mrs Marion Tegg, Mrs Julie Ward, Mr John Ward, Mrs Debbie Shephard, Mrs Doreen Wilson, Mrs Mary Bruce, Mr Brian Skidmore, Mrs Sheila Skidmore, Mrs Velma Marriott, Mrs Elaine Moyers, Ms Sandra Robinson, Mrs Joan Folland, Mrs Pat English, Mrs Brenda Todd, Mrs Helen Tarry, Mr Paul Tarry, Mrs Jill Smith, Mrs Dorothy Wakefield, Mr Tony Luxton, Mrs Barbara Luxton, Mr Clive Mobbs, Mrs Kathryn Mobbs, Rev Anne Crosby, Ms Shelagh Noble, Mrs Noreen Talbot.

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Rev Kerry Emmett opened the meeting with prayer and then left.

Mrs Debbie Shephard in the Chair.

1. Minutes of a Meeting of the Annual Parochial Church Council held 2nd April 2014

Proposed by: Mr Tony Bloxam

Seconded by: Mr John Ward

The above Minutes were accepted unanimously.

2. Presentation of Annual Report 2015

Rev Vince Jupp was unable to be present at the meeting, but had written a report which had been circulated (Appendix A)

3. Presentation of Electoral Roll

Mrs Doreen Bloxam reported an increase of 4 members. Since last year 7 members had left. The accounts had been formulated by Mr Alan Lewin, but a new accounting system would be introduced next year. In the church, 2 had died and there were 13 new members, making a total of 181 members.

4. Presentation of Accounts for 2014

Mrs Nicky Wills presented the accounts which were still to be audited.

The accounts had been formulated by Mr Alan Lewin, but a new accounting system would be introduced next year.

There had been considerable problems with the Inland Revenue over gift aid, going from a paper system to a computerised system, as it had become mixed up with Mr Lewin's business. As a result, no money had been received. It had been necessary to re-register through St Martin's House and to purchase a data package linked directly to HMRC. Money would be returned in due course. As some of the gift aid forms were incorrect, new forms had been issued. A new scheme had been started – Gift Aid Small Claim – and this was being put into effect. The Churchwardens were completing a new sheet showing number of members of the congregation and details of the gift aid.

Amendment – P.12- 5(a) net book value at 31.12.14. should read £1,250.00

Mrs Wills was thanked for all the work she had done as treasurer for the year, particularly the difficulties she had encountered.

Proposed the accounts be accepted subject to audit:

Proposed by: Mrs Mary Bruce

Seconded by: Mr Andy White

5. Election of Auditors

It was agreed the current auditor be retained:

Mr Anthony Humphreys

PWH Accountancy Ltd

Lutterworth.

6. Fabric Report – Birstall

Mr Tony Bloxam had submitted a written report (Appendix B).

A member asked when the water stain would be cleaned, but Mr. Bloxam said there was nothing which would remove it.

Mr Bloxam was thanked for all the work that had been undertaken.

7. Fabric Report – Wanlip

Mr John Ward had submitted a written report (Appendix C).

Mr Ward was also thanked for all the work that had been undertaken.

8. Election of Parochial Church Councillors

There were 4 positions vacant for a period of 3 years, and one position for a period of 2 years.

Mrs Julie Ward (3)

Proposed by: Mrs Elaine Moyers

Seconded by: Mrs Debbie Shephard

