

Birstall and Wanlip Annual Parish Meeting

Held at St James the Great, Birstall, on 15th March 2016 at 7:20pm.

List of those present 15th March 2016

Doreen BLOXAM	Alastair McHUGH	Lesley WALTON
Joan FOLLAND	Josephine BURGESS	Helen TARRY
Tony BLOXAM	Marion TEGG	Annette MARSHALL
C A COLTMAN	Bert TEGG	Gill CHESTER
Brenda TODD	Velma MARRIOT	Pete CHESTER
Pat ENGLISH	Elaine MOYERS	Sharon MARCH
Vi RAWLINS	Tony LUXTON	Stephen MARCH
Dave SCOTT	Barbara LUXTON	Alan LEWIN
Sheila HARRISON	Nicola WILLS	Gill LEWIN
John HARRISON	Dorothy WAKEFIELD	Tricia OWEN
Cicely PLUM	Rosemary PARROTT	
Andy PROUD	Sheryl JUPP	
Debbie SHEPHARD	Mary BRUCE	
Sandra ROBINSON	Jenny COX	
Paul TARRY	Kerry EMMETT	
Beryl Mc HUGH	Tricia EMMETT	

Apologies from:

Kate MOBBS	Gill POPE
Clive MOBBS	Betty HOWARD
Janet WATERS	John WARD
Noreen TALBOT	Julie WARD
Doreen WILSON	Barbara RHODES
Monica LUCAS	

Opening prayers

Said by Rev Vince Jupp

Apologies

See list above

Approval of minutes of the previous Annual Parish Meeting

V Jupp thanked all of those who had overseen the meetings last year.

That the minutes be adopted : *Proposer* Sandra Robinson *Seconded by* Mary Bruce

Election of Churchwardens

Four nominations were received:

J Ward	<i>Proposer</i> Sheryl Jupp	<i>Seconded by</i> Elaine Moyers
D Shephard	<i>Proposer</i> John Ward	<i>Seconded by</i> Sheryl Jupp
Tony Bloxam	<i>Proposer</i> Jo Burgess	<i>Seconded by</i> Andy Proud
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The meeting approved these four nominations.

Proposer Pete Chester *Seconded by* Annette Marshall

These four people were duly elected. Rev Jupp thanked all of them, and thanks were extended in particular to warden Mary Bruce for her service and contributions to our meetings. A small token of esteem was offered on behalf of the congregation.

Mary Bruce replied, saying that being warden meant she has met super people. She will still be here and will volunteer her help if needed.

Andy Proud was welcomed as warden elect. Rev Jupp prayed for him and closed the meeting in prayer.

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3: Minutes of Past APCM (2015)

After the following amendments were noted, the minutes were adopted.

Proposer Doreen Bloxam *Seconded by* Sheila Harrison

Amendments:

1 Alan Lewin drew attention to the phrase on page 2 of the minutes from 2015 which reads:

“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.”

This has been amended to read:

“Regarding the reclaiming of Gift aid, there had been considerable delays for many reasons including obtaining appropriate authorisation for the new Covenant Secretary to contact the Inland Revenue and the need to update systems to communicate with HMRC electronically. This meant that the Gift Aid claim for 2014 had been delayed. However, the claim can still be made and no monies due to the church will be lost because of this.”

2 On page 1, it was stated:

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

This has been amended to read:

“Rev Kerry Emmett opened the meeting with prayer and then left the table.” He remained for the duration of the meeting.

3 Kerry Emmett and Tricia Emmett were present at the meeting. Their names should be added to the list of those in attendance.

4: Presentation of Annual Report

See Item 13, Rector’s report.

5: Presentation of the Electoral Roll

Doreen Bloxam informed the meeting that there had been no change in the number on the electoral roll since the last APCM; it remained stable at 181. However, 9 members had left, and 9 had been added.

6: Presentation of Accounts for 2015

Nicki Wills informed the meeting that the new system was now in place and had been used throughout all of 2015. All Gift aid due for 2015 has been claimed. There has been a significant drop

in income; a trend over last few years. We are trying to increase giving whilst looking at reducing expenditure.

A member asked for clarification about two amounts in the accounts –

1 on page 5, there is an error in addition. The total amount in Resources Expended at 3(a) should read 126,651.

2 on page 6, there is an error in subtraction. The total amount at Net Current Assets (8) should read 211,160.

These errors will be corrected. This year's charitable giving payments will be made in March/ April 2016.

That these accounts be accepted:

Proposer Rose Parrott *Seconded by* Annette Marshall. None against, no abstentions.

Item 7 Election of auditors

Nicki Wills informed the meeting that she can now produce same document as the external auditor by using the new system. She put forward the proposal that the PCC be given the vote to choose the auditor. We may stay with the current auditor, but it would be useful to be able to choose.

Proposer Debbie Shephard *Seconded by* Doreen Bloxam.

Rev Jupp expressed his thanks to N Wills, noting that we are one of the first churches in the Diocese to take on the new system. The church is very grateful for all the time, energy and effort she has expended, as well as the money that has been saved.

Item 8: Fabric Birstall

A member asked what was planned to make sure sound system worked properly. Tony Bloxam replied. In fact an engineer's visit is planned for March 16th. The problem is complex. He added, as stated in his report, we no longer have a church architect; we are in the process of finding a replacement (closing date for application 4th April 2016).

Item 9: Fabric Wanlip

The written report seemed to be missing a section; Debbie Shephard apologised. She informed the meeting that a lot of work has been done in the rooms and they are being used more and more, especially by NEARER. John Ward was thanked by Rev Jupp in his absence.

A member asked about the situation with the alabaster memorial which fell off the wall recently. Rev Jupp replied that a letter had been sent to the Palmer Tomkinson Trust asking if they would consider contributing to the cost of reinstating the memorial. We are awaiting a reply.

Item 10: Election of Parochial Church Councillors

Rev Jupp thanked those stepping down (A Mc Hugh, D Wakefield, E White, L Reid and S Robinson) for their services.

There are 7 vacancies: -

4 people for 3 years

2 for 2 years

1 for 1 year

Rev Jupp had received no elected forms. Opportunity was given for all present to produce forms. None were received.

A member asked if councillors would be co-opted throughout the year. This is possible.

11 : Election of Deputy Churchwardens

2 for Birstall, 1 for Wanlip

Three nominations were received:

Janet Waters	<i>Proposer</i> Doreen Bloxam	<i>Seconded by</i> Sandra Robinson
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Paul Tarry	<i>Proposer</i> Nicki Wills	<i>Seconded by</i> Tony Bloxam
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Elaine Moyers	<i>Proposer</i> John Ward	<i>Seconded by</i> Sheryl Jupp
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These three were unanimously elected. Rev Jupp prayed for them.

Item 12 election of Sidespersons

This will be decided by the PCC. Tony Bloxam thanked all of those doing the job which, he reminded the meeting, is open to anyone.

Item 13 Rectors report

A member thanked Rev Jupp for his report on the past year, but wondered what he could say about the future? Rev Jupp replied, saying he was excited about the past year. We had spent a lot more time in discernment , listening and praying. NEARER is making us think more widely about mission in general. We want more of the same – to be able to try things out. An important question to think about is how we can release people to be the lay-led church we are supposed to be. It seems that instead of having ‘new ideas’, we are doing more listening, more prayer, more discernment. He reminded those present that every member ministry means we can all play a part, however small.

We have recently been invited in to Highcliffe School; this is a good example of people asking us to be involved, and instead of going out to cajole people to come in, we see where God’s working and join in!!

Questions for Stephen March, Pioneer Community Worker.

Stephen and his wife Sharon were thanked by a member for their leadership of the group. A member asked for an explanation about a specific phrase in the report on page 7: “We are also

becoming aware that we have to accept the people God gives us who may not necessarily be the people we would choose for our group.”

S March explained that we cannot decide who forms part of NEARER; God puts people in the community together. It is not our ‘choice’ who comes along; the Holy Spirit brings people He wants. The group is growing and taking on a more ecumenical, wider focus.

S March was asked how many people come along on Sundays once a month to the NEARER event at Wanlip. He replied that between 15 and 25 have been coming.

Rev Jupp reminded the meeting that the Diocese is working very hard on Fresh Expressions and wants 300 Pioneers by 2020, with 600 expected by 2030. The balance of a lay-led church will be different. The parish should be pleased with what’s happening. He expressed his thanks to the parish; without it NEARER would not exist.

Item 14 : Next APCM meeting : 14 March 2017 at 7:20pm.

Rev Jupp asked that the PCC meet immediately after the close of the meeting to elect new office bearers. He expressed thanks to A McHugh and E Moyers for representing the PCC to the F and S Committee.

The Grace was said and the meeting closed.

First meeting of the newly-elected PCC 15th March 2116

A short meeting was held immediately after the APCM, with the sole purpose of electing the church officers:

- Vice-chairman: Debbie Shephard

Proposer Tony Bloxam

Seconded by Nicki Wills

- Secretary: none elected
- Hon. Treasurer: N Wills

Proposer Rev V Jupp

Seconded by Debbie Shephard

- Member of the PCC Finance & Standing Committee : Lesley Walton

Proposer Debbie Shephard

Seconded by Peter Chester