

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, CLENT

2021 Annual General Meeting

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PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday 8th March 2020

Minutes

1. The Attendance Register and Apologies received at the Annual Vestry Meeting were accepted by this meeting. Revd. Richard Newton continued in the Chair.
2. The adoption of the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting (2019) as a true and accurate record of the meeting was proposed from the Chair and accepted by the meeting unanimously.
Matters Arising:None.
3. Elections.
Representatives to the PCC:
The passing during the year of previous PCC member Barbara Palmer and council member Brian Plant was acknowledged with deep regret.
Janet Steele indicated her willingness to return to the PCC and this was agreed.

The following were re-elected to the PCC as co-opted members in order to undertake specific responsibilities:
Neill Robb – Electoral Roll Officer, Sarah Eagle – Safeguarding,
Steve Eagle – Health & Safety, Martin Whittaker – Bell ringing.
4. Election of Deanery Synod Representatives (term of 5 years)
There were two nominations – Dave Stokes and Harry Grove. They were duly elected. Harry Grove remains in post as Secretary to Stourbridge Deanery.
5. Updating of the Roll of Sides-persons
Heather Carter wished to be added to the Roll.
All were thanked for facilitating our welcome of friendship to those attending our services.
6. Establishing the new Electoral Roll (to 2025).
Neill Robb reported that the 2020 Roll (of 58 names) now had Sixty-two (62) on it. If asked, a list of peoples' names (only) would be provided (due to data handling restrictions).
7. Parochial Church Council report:
HG read his report into the record. A copy was on display on the notice-board.
8. Presentation of the Accounts:
In the absence of Jon Prior, Anne Harris read his report into the record from his notes; this included assets being up under strained trading circumstances by some £3,800, and that the 'proportionality' of our investments remains constant. He forecast an overall loss of some £3k – when Parish Share was set to rise by 5%.
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The thanks of the meeting for the concise and stable handling of our accounts were expressed to our Treasurer (JP).

The acceptance of the Accounts was proposed by Kim Topham and seconded by Rosemarie Buchan; passed nem. con.

9. Election of the Independent Examiner:
Auditor Mark Taylor was voted to be re-appointed to this post.
10. Fabric Report:
Dave Stokes' report was available for scrutiny on the notice-board. He drew particular attention to the standard of presentation of the churchyard and the effect this had on its appearance, giving thanks to those involved and, in particular, to Joe Weston, Ron Walton, Steve Eagle and Rosemarie Buchan.
Two Faculties had been applied for regarding roofing issues and correcting the state of the lime trees along Vine Lane.
There were still problems with damp in the boiler room to overcome; and the lightning conductor needed to be brought up to a revised specification.
11. Deanery Synod Report
HG read his report. [Copy on file].
12. Other Reports:
RN drew peoples' attention of reports from various church organisations which are on display on the rear notice board (preceding fortnight and for a further two weeks).
13. Any other Business –
 - i. Formal adoption of 'Promoting a Safer Church'
The proposal that the PCC accept and adopt this 'model' policy was agreed.
 - ii. Dispersal of funds from 'Talents'
The idea of using the sum of £1,100 raised by this initiative for additional carpeting was discussed, without sufficient agreement.
 - iii. The length of time preceding a service which the 'Notices' was criticised as excessive. Agreed that steps be taken to shorten this period.
 - iv. Celebrating Mothering Sunday with Choral Evensong (at 4:30pm) was suggested.
14. Wardens' Vote of Thanks:
Rosemary's 'Vote of Thanks' to all who had worked so hard and so long on behalf of St. Leonard's Church was delivered (Copy on File) – and was particularly directed towards RN, DS, AH, & HG.
15. The date for the next AGM was proposed as Sunday 28th February 2021 and the first meeting of the newly constituted PCC was proposed as 27th April 2020.
The Secretary to reserve the Parish Office on that date.

RN thanked the congregation for their attendance and dismissed the meeting.