

Minutes of the Annual General meeting for St Helen's Church, Kneeton held on 21st March 2018 at 4pm

Present: George Neale, Bill Case, Tony Rayner, Patsy Rayner, Marilyn Harrison, Tony Nash, Ann Nash, Charles Neale, Maureen Robinson, Ann Walker, Tony Weedop, Jackie Weedop.

Apologies: Father Oliver, Sonia Pring, Barbara Pepper, Christopher Walker

It was pointed out that Patsy Rayner will take Minutes in the absence of Sonia Pring, and Tony Rayner, as Vice Chairman, to act as Chairman in the absence of Fr Oliver

Annual Parish Meeting (APM)

The meeting opened with prayers and a moment of silence in memory of Mike Pring

1. **Minutes of the last (APM) meeting 2017.** These were circulated, read and approved as a true record. Proposer Tony Nash, Seconder George Neale.
2. **Election of Church Wardens** – Tony pointed out that the Churchwardens' Measure 2001 created a 6 year restriction on a church warden being in a continuous period of office of more than 6 years. The APM can vote to opt out of this restriction, but it must be done in advance of such candidate standing for election. Any opt out by the APM holds until a subsequent similar meeting decides to opt back in. All present voted to opt out of the 6 year restriction. G Neale proposed and T Nash seconded that the CWs be elected en bloc. Tony and Patsy Rayner were duly elected as Church Wardens.
3. There were no matters arising and the close of the meeting was declared.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

1. The Minutes of the APCM 2017 were circulated, read and approved. Proposer T Nash, Seconder J Weedop
2. Matters arising – none.
3. Reports:

Electoral Roll- this remains at 16. Sorrow was expressed at the death of Mike Pring. Maureen Robinson was welcomed as a new member on the Roll.

Treasurer's Report – presentation of Financial Statements

Accounts were presented and explained by Bill Case, Treasurer. Bill pointed out that Expenditure in 2017 was higher than in 2016 because of necessary work : resurfacing church path, electrical rewire including RCD and installation of new heaters. In order to meet expenditure and our contribution to Parish Share some Charifund units had to be sold in 2017. Bill also pointed out that at a meeting of the Finance Committee on 15 February 2018 it was decided that £15000 worth of Charifund units be converted to cash to safeguard a portion of the church funds against the risk of a substantial market crash. All present expressed sincere thanks to Bill Case for completion of the accounts and for his hard work on behalf of St Helen's. G Neale proposed and T Nash seconded that the accounts be accepted.

Church Wardens' Report –

This was circulated and read at the start of the meeting. Tony Rayner emphasized certain points contained in it-

-He expressed sadness at the death of Mike Pring and gave thanks to Sonia Pring for donating the retiring collection from his funeral service to St Helen's.

-main items on the fabric expenditure (electrical rewire and new heaters) and on insurance requirements (Smart water, lightning conductor, new fire extinguishers and asbestos inspection).

- thanks were extended to many individuals who help in a variety of ways and make the CW's job so much easier.

-The Fosse Group Walk to raise funds for the group of churches (details in later discussion)

- report that our Priest in Charge, Fr Oliver is leaving in May 2018 to take up a post in Wiltshire. We thank him for his service to St Helen's over the past 7 years and wish him well in his new post.

Priest in Charge Report

This was circulated and read. In the absence of Fr Oliver Tony R highlighted and emphasized the thanks expressed to Bill Case, Treasurer for "handling the accounts and offering support and financial advice to the PCC"; and to Michael Clarke and Patrick Mackie who "officiated and preached and offered valuable support at several services throughout the year at St Helen's".

Deanery Synod Report

Tony R pointed out that a copy of the Quarterly Deanery Synod minutes is to be found in the file on the table near the main entrance. He pointed out that there would be a new formula for determining Parish Shares in 2019. No details are available at present.

Patron's Report - George Neale began by expressing thanks to the Churchwardens for all their hard work on behalf of St Helen's, both with organizing for work to be carried out on the church fabric and for the organization of the various services. He appreciated that there are many jobs involved in the running of the church and planning needed in organizing work people. He then went on to express his thanks to Bill Case, Treasurer, to the Secretary, Sonia Pring for administration work, and to those who cleaned the church, arranged and provided flowers, provided food at special services and those who mowed the churchyard. He particularly commented on the role of the organist, choir and bellringers for their invaluable contribution to the enjoyment of the Harvest and Christmas services. He expressed sincere thanks to Michael Clarke and Patrick Mackie for conducting services at St Helen's. He finished by expressing some concern at the capital pot which is being drawn on.

Elections and Appointments

Election of members of the PCC – 6 members were elected: G Neale (AN /PR), Sonia (AW/GN), C Walker (PR/MR), T Nash (JW/TW), T Weedop (GN/MR), B Pepper (JW/PR)

Appointment of Sidespeople – Tony Nash and Tony Weedop were duly appointed as Sidesmen for St Helen's.

Appointment of auditor to the PCC – Mr Robert McConnell was duly re-appointed.

Re-Appointment of officers: Vice Chair Tony Rayner, Secretary Sonia Pring, Treasurer Bill Case (ex-officio) , Electoral Officer Sonia Pring.

Any other Business

1. The Fosse Group Walk – Ann Walker, our representative on the committee organizing this event and Bill Case reported on the two meetings which had taken place. St Helen's will be a post station for walkers. It will be an all day event ending at 4pm approximately. Churches are encouraged to provide refreshments for sale and for people to participate in the walk and find sponsors. Sponsorship will go to individual churches. Ann pointed out the age of the population of Kneeton and the possibility that there will not be many walkers but hoped that people would help with refreshments. Members of St Peter's have offered to help at St Helen's. Bill pointed out that this is a new venture and its success was very dependent on the weather, but the organizers are hoping for 200 walkers to participate. Sincere thanks were expressed to Ann and the organisers of this event.
2. The interregnum – a) Tony R pointed out that the Panel to appoint a new Priest in Charge for the Fosse Group would contain representatives from each of the five churches of the group. George Neale as Patron would be on the appointing Committee and Tony R suggested that Patsy Rayner as Churchwarden should be put forward as another representative of St Helen's. All present agreed. The PCC was asked if there would be any objections to the appointment of a female to the post. No objections were raised. b) questions were asked regarding services for St Helen's during this period. Tony R pointed out that all CWs were putting forward a programme of Services for each church to be discussed at a meeting of church wardens . c) Charles Neale asked who was responsible for the rectory and whether it would be let during the interregnum. It was pointed out that it is the responsibility of Southwell.
3. It was agreed that St Helen's would make a contribution of £50 from funds to Fr Oliver's leaving present.
4. Charles Neale asked if the organ repairer had been thanked for carrying out a brief repair to the organ without charge. Tony R said he had been thanked.

The meeting concluded with the Grace

Meeting closed 4.50pm