

## **Minutes of the Annual General Meeting for St Helen's Church Kneeton held on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 3.30pm in St Helen's Church**

**Present:** George Neale, Bill Case, Tony Rayner, Patsy Rayner, Sonia Pring, Ann Nash, Tony Nash, Maureen Robinson, Christopher Walker, Jim Livingston, Tony Weedop, Jackie Weedop,

**Apologies:** Ann Walker, Marilyn Harrison, Barbara Pepper

### **Annual Parish Meeting (APM)**

The Meeting opened with prayers

1. The Minutes of the 2018 APM were circulated, read and approved as a true record. Proposed: G Neale; Seconded T Nash
2. Tony and Patsy Rayner were elected as Church Wardens. Proposed by B Pepper (in writing), Seconded T Nash. George Neale confirmed the nomination
3. There were no Matters Arising and the close of the meeting was declared.

### **Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)**

1. The Minutes of the 2018 APCM were circulated, read and approved. Proposed: C Walker, Seconded: T Nash

2. Matters Arising: there were none

#### **3. Reports-**

**Electoral Roll** – 6 year renewal of members this year. Two members elected not to renew, reducing the number on the Electoral Roll to 14.

**Treasurer's Report** – Bill Case circulated and explained the annual accounts. (Attached) i) Key points: Gift aided donations were the main income source (£2760) collection income including that from 2 funerals amounted to £1333, fees from two funerals £713; Fosse 5church Walk £191; £350 donation from the East Bridgford Show. In addition, Bill explained that tax had been recovered from all allowable sources. Overall, the accounts record a total of £5890 in receipts, £1000 increase on 2017 ii) Payment of the Parish Share increased by £500 and with organ maintenance and payment to visiting clergy, outgoings amounted to £11,094 iii) There was an excess of payments over receipts of £5204. Bill stated a predictable depletion of reserves.

Bill was thanked for his hard work.

Acceptance of the accounts: Proposed G Neale, Seconded C Walker

### **Church Wardens' Report** (attached)-

- a) Tony reported on bell repairs carried out and future repairs. He expressed thanks to Jim Crabtree & Ian Hasman from the Bell Guild for inspecting & carrying out some maintenance of the church bells free of charge. Following the recent service of the bells by TLB Services (March 2019), it was noted that in general, the bell fittings are in good condition but some minor repairs are required including replacing 2 rusted bolts, altering the garter hole in the treble wheel, & fitting Galebreaker material to the 4 bellchamber window openings. TLB services quoted £950 +VAT for these repairs
- b) The redecoration of the Nave had enhanced the interior of the church. All agreed.
- c) the church architect had reported the interior of the church roof to be sound: all agreed.
- d) following inspection of the church wall, the church architect had recommended that about 14m be repaired; Diocesan approval would be required; some discussion followed on this given the estimated cost of £5200+VAT
- e) Tony reported that Aistrup & Hind had been asked to quote for the cost of a full restoration of the organ (£18687 + VAT) against a partial restoration (£6700+ VAT) - the mechanical section only. He reported that some repairs were needed since the mechanical section was in a "ruinous condition" to quote Chris Hind.
- f) Tony expressed **thanks** to our Patron, George Neale, Bill Case, (Treasurer), Sonia Pring, (Secretary), flower arrangers (A Nash and J Weedop), readers at services and all who help with maintaining the church. He also thanked all those involved with the 5Church Walk (Bill for organising it, Ann Walker and her team who provided refreshments – S Pring, A Nash and M Robinson.) Thanks, were extended to the East Bridgford Show Committee for their generous donation to St Helen's.
- g) Church attendance was slightly down for 2018-19
- h) Commonwealth War Grave Plaque– Patsy Rayner reported that St Helen's had been approached by the Commission to allow a plaque indicating a war grave in the church yard to commemorate the 100 years Commemoration of the end of the Great War. This would be placed on the wall to the left of the hand gate. Diocesan approval had been obtained by the Commission and James Bate, Conservation Officer for Rushcliffe B C had been consulted. Earlier PCC Approval had been obtained at an extraordinary meeting on 21.10.18.

i) Remembrance Day Display A small commemorative arrangement of a painting, poetry and poppy/flower arrangements in memory of the two Kneeton men who had died was on display in November 2018. Thanks were expressed to A Nash, S Pring and J Weedop for their hard work with this display.

j) New Pastoral Scheme. The Fosse Group of 5 individual Parishes is to be re-organised as two Parishes within one Benefice. One Parish will be the PCC of St Peter's (East Bridgford) , St Helen's (Kneeton) & St Augustine's (Flintham) the other being St Mary's (Car Colston) & St Wilfrid's (Screveton.). Each church is to retain its separate identity. (approved at PCC Meeting of 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019)

k) Interregnum/Profile Report

Patsy Rayner pointed out that many meetings had taken place to discuss the appointment of a new Incumbent and to compile the Profile of our 5 churches, each village and its position and our Vision for Growth. Following acceptance of the document by the Bishop and the Diocesan office, it is expected that the post will be advertised in April or May this year. Some discussion followed; namely, the desire of Kneeton to retain the BCP Order of Service and maintain some independence. It was agreed that Kneeton has a good rapport with Flintham and East Bridgford with whom we shall be linked in the future. No decision has yet been made with regard to financial arrangements, but further discussion is to take place. It was agreed that great changes are ahead.

**Deanery Synod Meetings** – the Quarterly Minutes of Deanery Synod are to be found in the green file on the table by the main door.

### **Patron's Report**

George Neale, Patron thanked a number of people: Tony and Patsy Rayner for all their hard work and organisation on behalf of St Helen's; Sonia Pring, Secretary, and Bill Case, Treasurer for all the work undertaken in looking after the church finances and presenting the church accounts. He went on to say that the problem with such a small church is the cost of repairs to maintain it. He hoped we could raise funds to repair the organ, and perhaps look at other sources of funds. He ended by reiterating that without the help and work of the Churchwardens, Patsy and Tony Rayner the church would be in a serious situation.

### **Elections and Appointments**

Six members were elected to the PCC

George Neale (proposed S Pring, seconded T Nash)

Sonia Pring (proposed P Rayner, seconded A Nash)

Tony Nash (proposed A Nash, seconded S Pring)

Christopher Walker (proposed P Rayner, seconded S Pring)

Tony Weedop (proposed S Pring, seconded G Neale)

Barbara Pepper (proposed T Rayner, seconded P Rayner)

Sides people – Tony Nash and Tony Weedop agreed to stand again and were duly elected

Appointment of auditor to the PCC- Mr Robert McConnell was duly elected

**Any other Business** - None

## **Minutes of PCC Meeting on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> March, 2019**

### **at St Helen's Church, Kneeton**

#### **1. Elections & Appointments**

Appointment of Officers: George Neale proposed & Christopher Walker seconded a motion that the existing officers be re-elected en bloc

Tony Rayner, Vice-Chair; Sonia Pring, Secretary; Bill Case, Treasurer; Sonia Pring, Electoral Roll Officer were all re-elected

#### **2. Repair of 14metres of Churchyard Wall: Resolution for Approval**

That formal approval be given to the recommendation of the Finance Sub - Committee of St Helen's (meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019) that 14 metres of the churchyard wall be repaired/rebuilt according to the Schedule drawn up by the Church Architect.

After some discussion concerning (a) the extent to which the wall was in disrepair and (b) the cost of repair, it was decided that the resolution not be accepted at this point in time.

Tony Rayner was asked to have further discussions with the church architect

#### **3. Restoration of the Mechanical Section of the Organ: Resolution for Approval**

That formal approval be given to the recommendation of the Finance Sub - Committee of St Helen's (meeting of 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019) that restoration work be carried out on the Mechanical Section of the Organ. The contract for this work to be given to Aistrup & Hind. Agreed unanimously.

#### **4. Minor Repairs to the Bells: Resolution for Approval**

That minor repairs to the bells be carried out by TLB Services (Tom Blythe). Agreed unanimously

#### **5. AOB – none**

**The meeting concluded with the Grace.**

**Meeting closed at 4.35pm**

**Supplementary Note**  
**Churchyard Wall**  
**Meeting with Church Architect**

On the 27<sup>th</sup> March 2019, Tony Rayner discussed the issue of the repair of the churchyard wall with the Church Architect. It was agreed that in view of the development of the farmyard next to the church, it would be sensible to defer consideration of the possible repair of the churchyard wall until after the Quinquennial inspection of the church in 2021. The Church Architect agreed that he would make an interim inspection of the wall in the Spring of 2020. In addition, if the churchwardens had any concerns about the state of the wall at any time, he would carry out an inspection.

