

St James the Great, Colwall

APCM MINUTES

Sunday, 3rd April 2016

Welcome

The Rev'd Melanie Horton chaired the meeting and welcomed everyone.

Apologies

Apologies were received from Barbara and Barry Ashton, Jane Fanshawe, the Rev'd Barry Hinksman, Phil and Leslie Hitchen, Mike and Marian Paulson and Jonathan and Carol Pearce.

Minutes of the APCM held in March 2015 were approved as a true record. (Proposed John Stock, seconded Mark Illingworth, unanimously accepted).

Matters Arising

All points were covered in the following reports.

Rector's Report

This was personally presented by the Rector and the written report was available after the meeting. Questions: Jenny Houghton suggested that better publicity is needed for the events organised by the Church.

Reports as per the APCM Booklet

Points raised:

- Health and Safety – vermin control is provided by Red Kite Pest Control.
- David Longman expressed his thanks that the boiler has been replaced, having proposed this last year. The congregation is now warm and happy, but the heating does need to be put on 12 to 14 hours in advance.
- David also mentioned that The Clock contained an inappropriate political advertisement. Joy and Melanie explained this was an oversight and apologised.
- Melanie thanked all those involved, especially Joy, for their work in producing 'The Clock', an excellent publication.

Presentation of Accounts and Treasurer's Report

Richard Beard reported on the summary of the accounts (in the back of the APCM booklets) and spoke to his Treasurer's Report, pointing out that the main points are highlighted. He emphasized the importance of fundraising as income from covenanting has reduced.

Richard thanked the members of the Finance Committee and Melanie then thanked Richard for all his years of work as Treasurer. Richard King has taken on the role of Treasurer for the time being.

Election of Auditor

Crowthers will be confirmed as Auditor at the next PCC meeting.

Approval of Church Electoral Roll

This was approved unanimously (proposed Dorothea Marsh, seconded John Stock).

Election of Churchwardens

Melanie explained that Steve Hockett has agreed to continue as Churchwarden as no one else has yet come forward and Richard King, the second Warden, is busy taking on the role of Treasurer. (Proposed Bill Clucas, seconded Richard King, approved but with 5 abstentions).

Melanie thanked Steve and Richard very warmly for their support for the Church and for her personally.

Last year the PCC authorized payments for a Verger to attend weddings and funerals. The £45 and £30 fees will be paid by the clients. Job descriptions are being drawn up.

Election of Assistant Wardens

The Assistant Wardens are Marcus Allen, Bill Clucas, Colin and Sarah Davies, Stuart Hands, Jane and Syd Hill and Mary Roberts and were approved unanimously. (Proposed Kate Stock, seconded Barbara Hatton).

Website

Jenny Houghton thanked Mark Illingworth warmly for his tireless work maintaining the website.

Election to PCC

The elected PCC members are Jan Bartlett, Joy Conlon, Mark Illingworth, Phil Probert, Carol Pearce and Jonathan Pearce have agreed to continue to serve.

PCC Secretary – Joy Conlon will become the official Secretary and continue with the administrative role. Sarah Davies has agreed to be Minutes Secretary but this needs to be confirmed.

Jane Hill (Health and Safety) agreed to stand for a final year.

The elections were approved unanimously.

Melanie encouraged members of the congregation to consider joining the PCC and bring in new voices.

Election to Deanery Synod

Melanie spoke about the importance of the Deanery Synod especially in a time of change, with the Parish Share and Ledbury Team Ministry under discussion.

The Rev'd Anne Lanyon-Hogg reinforced this and explained that the Synod is reviewing itself and is looking for openness and outreach and is keen that Parishes are involved in the changes. More lay representatives are needed.

The PCC Deanery Synod members include Mike Hakes, Melanie and Richard King, with positions for two others. The election of these members was approved unanimously.

Melanie thanked everyone for their time, comments and support and expressed excitement about the year ahead with everyone moving together.

Jane Hill
PCC Secretary