

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF BRIXWORTH

Meeting opened at 12:15 PM

Present: 22 members

Rev. Chloe opened the meeting with a prayer

EASTER VESTRY MEETING

ELECTION OF CHURCHWARDENS

Mrs Vanessa Crooks agreed to restand as churchwarden, Mr. Michael Lewis has decided to stand down.

Rev. Chloe appealed to the congregation for a second Churchwarden, none forthcoming from those present.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. MINUTES OF THE 2015 MEETING

There was one correction – a spelling Typo on last page – *Crook* to *Crooks*

The minutes were proposed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Proposed: Dave Hamson

Seconded: Colin Bament

Vote: Accepted unanimous

2. ELECTION OF PCC

The 2015 PCC all re-stood with the exception of Mr Michael Lewis.

Therefore the 2016 PCC will consist of:

Chair:	Rev. Chloe Wilson-Thomas (CWT)
Churchwardens:	Mrs Vanessa Crooks (VC)
Secretary:	Mr Anthony Farrow (AF)
Treasurer:	Mrs Andy Kempa (AK)
Members:	Mrs Sylvia Woodhead (SW), Rev. April Richards (AR), Mrs Mary Brown, , , Mr David Hamson (DH), Mr Colin Bament (CB), Mrs Wendy Kingham (WK), Mrs Kate Knight (KK)

3. ELECTION OF STEWARDS

Mrs. Vanessa Crooks detailed the current arrangements to the congregation.

List of Stewards and Readers 2016

Stewards

Audrey Hawkins has stood down.

Kathleen Wakefield, Mary Brown, Rosemary Ward, Carol Curtis, Harvey Fox, Kathy Knight and Derrick Grass are prepared to continue.

Andy Kempa, Verity Chilver and Sylvia Woodhead have volunteered to be stewards.

Readers

Angela Bowler has stood down

Peter Oliver, Sylvia Woodhead, Vanessa Crooks, Michael Lewis, Brian Collett, Stephanie Arnold, Michael Simpson, Francis Arnold, Colin Bament, Jane Neill and Carol Curtis are prepared to continue.

Vanessa stated that new volunteers would be welcomed.

Deanery Synod Representatives

Stephanie Arnold and Mary Brown have agreed to continue as our representatives.

4. REPORTS

(Available at <https://onedrive.live.com/redir?resid=53D7038B81F858D9!16275&authkey=!AE3rYb-s5kQ5cJk&ithint=folder%2cpdf>)

4.1 CHURCHWARDENS REPORT

Mike Lewis presented the *report* (Appendix A) to the attendees. The Key points were outlined.

Questions Arising

Vanessa Crooks issued a clarification that the electrical work mentioned in the report is PAT testing.

Rev Chloe asked if the root cause of the flaking was ever established. Mike responded that this had not been established, but was not considered damp.

The Report was submitted to the congregation for approval.

Proposed: Kate Knight

Seconded: Colin Bament

The vote was accepted by a unanimous show of hands.

4.2 PCC SECRETARY'S REPORT

Anthony Farrow presented the Secretary's report (Appendix B) to the attendees.

There were no questions arising.

The Report was submitted to the congregation for approval.

Proposed: Rev. Chloe Wilson-Thomas

Seconded: Andy Kempa

The vote was accepted by a unanimous show of hands.

At this point the backtracked to discuss the Deanery Synod reps. It is was resolved that we would carry on with the current arrangements.

4.3 TREASURERS REPORT

Mrs Andy Kempa presented her report (Appendix C) to the attendees

Andy highlighted one typo (2014 → 2015) on the first page.

There were no questions to Andy.

Rev Chloe stated to the congregation that we will have a stewardship Sunday in the future.

The Report was submitted to the congregation for approval.

Proposed: Rev. April Richards

Seconded: Carol Curtis

The vote was accepted by a unanimous show of hands.

4.4 STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Francis presented his report to the attendees.

There are currently 43 members on the electoral roll.

There was an appeal for members to Gift Aid their contribution when making donations to the church.

Questions Arising

Vanessa Crooks enquired if the average figure represented those who did not give via the service collections.

Francis responded it did not

Proposed: Rev. Chloe Wilson-Thomas

Seconded: Andy Kempa

The vote was accepted by a unanimous show of hands.

4.5 FRIENDS REPORT

Kate Knight presented her report (Appendix D) to the congregation, and provided an outline of the purpose of the organisation.

Key points from the report were highlighted:

- Floodlight repairs
- Maintenance & servicing of the heating
- Safety of trees
- In 2015 the Friends launched an appeal for the organ pipes , and thanks were extended to those who had donated. The appeal needs to find £18K in the next two years and are looking for fundraising and grants.
- It has been 20 years since heritage centre opened, used by clubs and church. Work has been taken to upgrade lighting, heating and decoration .
- Trustees are reviewing constitution following regulatory changes
- Sadly, the Friends are down to five members on friends council, and are looking at the future of the friends. There is an acknowledged need to raise membership overall, but it is still a challenge to convert interest to membership. Kate appealed for the attendees to join.
- Funraising is still primary objective, the next event is scheduled for the 12th may, which is an antiques roadshow. Details at the back of the church
- The Friends AGM will take place on the 4th June at the Brixworth centre. This will be followed by a Service of Thanksgiving, plus an organ recital.

Kate then mentioned safeguarding, as she undertakes this role on the PCC, and explained why this is required (in both policy & procedures). The Peterborough model has been adopted, and is required to be reviewed every 12 months and recorded in the meetings.

There was an action arising for the Standing committee to place an agenda item for a review at the next PCC meeting.

Lastly, Kate stated that if anyone has any concerns regarding child or other vulnerable persons please contact Kate or Rev. Chloe.

The Friends Report was put to the Congregation for their approval

Proposed: Vanessa Crooks

Seconded: Colin Bament

The vote was accepted by a unanimous show of hands.

The Safeguarding Report was put to the Congregation for their approval

Proposed: Andy Kempa

Seconded: David Hamson

The vote was accepted by a unanimous show of hands.

5. AOB

5.1 Question: Kate Knight asked a question regarding visiting concerts. Does the Church make any charges for any users of the church for any function?

Answer: Rev. Chloe explained we make a £100 charge. Mike Lewis agreed this was enough to cover this usage (heat, light, power).

5.2 EXPRESSION OF THANKS

Mike Lewis was thanked from the floor by Sheila for his work & long service as Churchwarden

At that point, Mike was presented with a gift, and Rev. Chloe echoed the sentiments from the floor and personally thanked him.

5.3 Question: Derek Grass raised a question concerning a PCC owned field, this belongs to the church and from which we get a rental income from. He was of the opinion that we need to review if this is the going rate, and whether we would increase this.

The Treasurer (AK) explained this is due.

Derek highlighted that at the last review, this was doubled. Hence, this may be worth an inspection online to see if there is a possible raise.

ACTION: PCC to investigate.

6. CLOSING REMARKS

Rev Chloe thanked everyone on the PCC for their work, and all the support they provided to her.

The dates were then fixed for the initial PCC meetings.

Standing Committee: 11th May 7:30 at the Vicarage.

Next PCC meeting: Wed 18th May @ the Heritage Centre

Chloe ended the meeting with The Grace

The meeting closed 13:16