



ST JAMES THE GREAT HAYDOCK

Registered Charity 1153937



Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

held on 02 April 2014 at 7.15pm in the Parish Centre

Apologies

Fr Ian, Fr Robin, Mrs Lock and Mr Peplow.
There were 20 persons present.

Receiving the Electoral Roll

Mrs White, our Electoral Roll Officer, presented the roll. She informed the meeting that when the roll closed it contained two hundred and thirty names. We started last year with two hundred and thirty three. There are also three young people ready to sign a form when they reach the age of sixteen this year.

Of the two hundred and thirty on the list one hundred and thirty-seven live within the parish boundaries. The other ninety-three live outside the parish boundary twenty five of these live in Haydock.

Fr. Rodney thanked Mrs White for her report.

Treasurers Report

Everyone present received a copy of the accounts for 2013 as they arrived for the meeting. Mrs King started her report on page 10, the General Fund. She said that even with all that had gone out of the account this year we are only £13,000 under what we had last year

Our planned giving via the pink and yellow envelopes decreased slightly. Last year 2012 we received £38,728. In 2013 we received £34,639. Collections and other giving were up slightly. Income tax recovered was increased from £6,257 in 2012 to £11,019 in 2013.

Other voluntary receipts were down slightly in 2013. In 2012 we received £25,163 whereas in 2013 we received £21,253. But, in 2012 we received a legacy of £11,537. This does not happen every year.

As in previous years the church's greatest financial commitment was meeting the Parish Share. This rose a further £860 to £51,427. This equates to £140.90 for every day of 2013. Church and Parish Room maintenance costs were significantly up at £36,360.

One increase of £26,730 being almost entirely attributable to the costs of the Parish Room roof repairs and subsequent works. Mission giving of £2,284 was up by £1,006 largely due to a donation to our Link Diocese. Church members continue to give direct support to a number of charities.

Mrs King went through the rest of the accounts with the members. She said that we should be truly thankful that we have been able to meet the demands made on our resources during 2013. We should also be grateful to the hard work and generosity that has made this possible.

Nevertheless, all church members need to acknowledge that the financial outlook for 2014 remains challenging, both with meeting day-day expenditure and providing for increasing maintenance and improvement.

Fr Rodney thanked Mrs King for her presentation of our accounts and for making them understandable.

Appointment of Independent Examiner

Mrs Gillian Oates has been our examiner for the last six years. She is willing to continue to check our accounts. Everyone present agreed that we accept her offer.

Mrs Oates will not accept payment for her work, but she will accept a donation for a charity. Everyone present agreed that we send her fifty pounds. She will donate this to a charity of her choice. Last year she sent the money to Help for Heroes.

Report of the Secretary to the PCC

The members met four times in the last year. June, September and November 2013 and February 2014.

Gordon Fath attended our first meeting. He came to explain that now our overall income had gone over one hundred thousand pounds we had to register directly with the Charities Commission. The people who register as Charity Trustees are the Clergy and members of the PCC.

This was a long meeting. As Gordon said, all churches in this country are charities, that can only be for the good of the people. After explaining how we register as Charity Trustees he left us with many thoughts.

Repairs were also discussed at this meeting. Mr Ellison the structural engineer was to call on the 21st June to review the outside of the building. He would also look at the boiler house. The walls are in a bad state.

At our next meeting in September Dr Martlew informed the members that our registration with the Charities Commission was almost complete. He also had a form that everyone needed to sign.

The meeting in November Dr. Martlew informed the members that we now had a Charity Number. We also had a new tenant for the house in Homestead Ave. As the tenants wanted to move in the next weekend, we had to get some repairs done right away. We also had had a long discussion about the repairs taking place in the Parish Room and the ones needed in church.

At our meeting in February 2014 the members received the accounts for 2013. Mrs King commented that even with the difficulties we have faced and are facing we are only £13,000 down on last year. This is very heartening, considering that we spent £30,000 on the parish room repairs.

Mrs King went through the rest of the accounts. Dr Martlew proposed that they be approved by the members. Mr Wiswell seconded this and everyone present agreed. At this meeting Mr Wiswell also reported on a meeting of the Finance and Fabric Committee. There are many repairs needed in the church and outside.

Dr. Martlew said that this work needs prioritising. We need to look at what budget we will have. We also need to look at what money we can raise and if we can get anything from outside the church.

Deanery Synod Report

Fr Rodney said that the Deanery Synod members had met four times last year. Two of the meetings had been here at St. James.

We had a long and interesting discussion, to which everyone contributed about changes taking place in the Deanery.

As one of the members said we will have to wait and see where we will be in five years.

Report of Finance and Fabric Committee.

Mr Wiswell spoke to the members about the main items that the committee had discussed.

The external timbers of the church are being inspected. Delivery of the guttering and down spouts are awaited.

The Rood and the Font cover both need repair work.

The painting of the outside of the church will cost about £9,000. We also need to remember that the interior of the church needs redecoration. The committee have discussed if it is possible to break this work down into small parts. The work could then be carried out as we were able to afford it.

On the 17th April we will have a cottage door fitted in the kitchen of the house in Homestead Ave. This is in place of the patio door.

The committee have received two prices for the carpet in the Lady Chapel. One is for £2,500 the other is £3,700.

We need to prioritise the Work needed.

Walsingham Cell Report

Mrs Beesley presented the Walsingham Cell Report. The cell was formed in 2006. They now have fifty members. Fund raising for the Shrine at Walsingham pays a big part in the life of the cell.

The members promote Walsingham everywhere they can. They assist with the cost of coach hire for the Parish Pilgrimage to Walsingham. They also make donations to the Shrine, along with other donations (among others Holy House Lamp, Hospitality and Organist).

Mrs Martlew said that the Cell had arranged to take part in the Godparent Scheme for the pilgrimage to Walsingham. There was nothing in the accounts for this. She asked if this could be checked. Fr Rodney will ask Fr Robin when he gets back home on Saturday.

Fr Rodney thanked Mrs Beesley for her report.

Election of Deanery Synod Members

Mrs Cutler, Mrs Holloway and Mr Robb the retiring members were all willing to serve for the next four years. They were duly re elected.

Election of Members of the PCC

There were three retiring members, Miss Ann Black, Mr Anthony Ormrod, Mrs Valerie Lock. There were no other nominations.

Mrs Lock was proposed by Mrs Clough seconded by Mrs Jones.

Mr Ormrod was proposed by Mrs Lee seconded by Mrs Nichols.

Miss Black was proposed by Mrs Jones seconded by Mrs Clough.

The three persons were willing to stand for re election and were duly elected.

Fr Rodney asked that after this meeting closes the members of the PCC will meet for a short time to elect the Treasurer, the Secretary and the Gift Aid Secretary for 2014.

Vicar's Report to the AGM

Fr. Rodney said that he wanted to give a big thank you to all the staff members - Fr Ian, Fr Robin and Dr Martlew. Thanks also to the wardens, Mrs Holloway and Mr Peplow.

Thank you to the leaders of the organisations. There are so many things happening around the church. The health of the church is reflected not just by what goes on Sunday but on the other days as well.

What has dominated our time this year has been the Parish Room repairs. We now have a facility that we can be proud of. It was very moving when the donations came in. They came from everywhere, near and far.

He asked that when this meeting ended the members of the PCC meet to appoint the Treasurer for 2014, the Secretary for 2014 and the Covenant Secretary for 2014.

The meeting then closed with prayers.

The minutes of the meeting to appoint officers for 2014

Fr. Rodney asked for nominations for Treasurer for 2014.

Everyone suggested the same person, Mrs King. There were no other nominations. The members appointed Mrs King for 2014.

Fr. Rodney asked for nominations for secretary for 2014. Mrs Clough nominated Mrs Lee. Everyone agreed Mrs Lee be elected for 2014.

Fr. Rodney asked for nominations Covenant Secretary for 2014. Mrs Jones nominated Mrs Smith. Everyone agreed that Mrs Smith be elected for 2014.

These three were elected to serve

There being no other business the meeting closed. The next meeting will be on 10 June 2014 in the parish room.