

St Andrew and St Peter, Toller Porcorum

Minutes of Vestry, Annual Parochial Church and PCC Meetings held on Thursday April 12th 2018
starting at 7pm in the Church.

Vestry Meeting

1. Welcome and opening prayer by Rev David Baldwin (Rector).
2. Present: J.Miller, K.Miller, T.Billen, J. Stephenson, D. Wallbridge, M.Boardman, D.Boardman, D. Ennals.
3. Apologies: none
4. Approval of minutes from meeting held on March 2nd 2017 – approved and signed by Rector.
5. Matters arising: none.
6. Election of Churchwarden: Jo Stephenson elected; one vacancy.
7. Commonplace Book: not specifically relevant to the church, so will not appear on next year's agenda.
8. Any other business: none.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

1. Approval of minutes from APCM March 2nd 2017 – accepted as a true and accurate report except that item 4 should have stipulated that a Financial Report had been included within the PCC Annual Reports and Accounts.
2. Matter arising: item 4 was challenged because the financial accounts were included in the report but not commented upon specifically but had been approved.
3. Report by Electoral Roll Officer: down from 41 to 40.
4. PCC Annual Report and Accounts: tabled by K.M and M.B. There were some questions to the Treasurer mainly focussing on why some amounts had dropped e.g. general donations, collections to name but two.
5. Financial Report up to April 12th tabled by MB; sadly, MB highlights that with fees and fund raising the PCC should remain solvent for 2018, but 2019 will prove to be a "difficult year". Financial report proposed by MB and seconded by DW.
6. Deanery Synod Report: met 3 times in the year; need to focus on mission and outreach – welcoming people into church and making services attractive to visitors; working to encourage young people to continue in their faith when they leave their church primaries. *JS commented that our primary children do not attend school within our parish.* The Synod also discussed how less successful churches could learn from more successful ones, and how to make greater use of church buildings (albeit difficult for Toller as we have no water or toilet facilities).

7. The Clergy Report was tabled by The Rector and Pioneer Priest. DB expanded upon some points and trends. On the basis that church numbers attending Sunday services are in decline, DE asked the Rector how he viewed the provision of services with the benefice. With 2 priests (DB and JN) 4 services per Sunday can be delivered, but some weeks 10 services are required - the additional services being delivered by the retired priests. Churches could combine but that is down to PCCs deciding. Probably a survey of congregations is required asking what they want? In effect Toller should not be within the Beaminster Team! Basically, nothing is going to happen in the foreseeable future! Sundays will be upheld as much as they can.

8. Election of PCC members: KM, TB, DW, JM, DE.

9. Election for Team Council: JS and DW.

10. Election of Sidesmen/women: KM, PE (not present), JM, DW.

11. Any other business: none.

Parochial Church Council Meeting

1. Election of Lay Chairman/woman: DE

2. Election of Secretary: JM.

3. Election of Minutes Secretary: DE.

4. Election of Treasurer: MB.

5. Appointment of Safeguarding Officer: JM.

6. Appointment of Electoral Roll Officer: KM.

7. Appointment of H&S Officer: JS.

8. Appointment of Data Protection Officer: DE.

9. Update on Faculties and roof repairs: problem with insurance, KM will have to contact an appropriately insured company; DB said he would contact KM with a contractor's name who had repaired several churches within the Team.

10. Appointment of two PCC representatives on Village Hall Committee: Jane Ennals (not present) and TB.

11. Any other matter: KM asked the PCC to look at a list of jobs to be distributed amongst PCC members. This was to be decided after consultation with KM. To be confirmed at next PCC meeting.

Meeting closed at 2040 hours.

David Ennals.