

PARISH of BELBROUGHTON with FAIRFIELD

Minutes of Annual vestry Meeting of the Parish And Annual General Meeting of the Church Held on Sunday 19th March 2017 At 12.00 p.m. in Holy Trinity Church, Belbroughton

Annual Vestry Meeting held at 12.00 p.m.

The meeting chaired by John Penlington. He announced Marian Truckle is standing down as Church Warden after sixteen plus years. He thanked for the work she has done during this time from the Parochial Church Council and everyone present at the meeting. She was presented with a bouquet.

Attendance and Apologies

The meeting attended by 29 people, see attached list
Apologies received Ruth Cherry, Mary Chapman, Betty Tarbuck, Paul Concannon.

Minutes of 2016 Annual Vestry Meeting

The minutes were read and accepted unanimously as a true record.

Election of Churchwardens

Holy Trinity	Glynn Ashman proposed by Mary Fairbairn and seconded by John Penlington
St Mark's	Mary Fairbairn proposed by Peter Jones and seconded by John Penlington

Appointment of Independent Examiner of the PCC financial statements

Mr P. J. Collins ACA

This meeting concluded at 12.15 p.m.

Annual General Meeting of the Parish held at 12.15 p.m.

1. Apologies same as for the Vestry Meeting

2. Minutes of 2016 Annual General Meeting

The minutes were read and accepted unanimously as a true record.

3. Parochial Church Council Election

Election of 6 PCC members from Holy Trinity, Marian Truckle,

Anna Hunt, John Penlington, Undine Yates, Claire Lewis,

Election of 6 PCC members from St. Mark's, Carol Brogan, Peter Jones,

Meriel Scurrall, Betty Tarbuck, Robert Gavin

Ex Officio members, Pauline Jones (Lay Reader) Glynn Ashman

(Churchwarden & Deanery Synod) Mary Fairbairn (Churchwarden)

4. Churchwarden Reports

Belbroughton (see attached report)

Fairfield (see attached report)

5. Treasurers and Auditor's Reports

Paul Concannon could not attend the meeting but had e-mailed the accounts to the Chairman. After discussion it was agreed these be accepted with one abstention. Proposed by Miles Cowper and seconded by John Oliver.

Comments were made by two persons present about the lateness of the receipt of the accounts and asked that we ensure accounts are received on time next year for consideration.

6. Electoral Roll Report

Marian Truckle presented the numbers, these were the same as last year Belbroughton 42 and Fairfield 28.

7. **Election of Sidesmen and Sideswoman**

Belbroughton: John and Jean Oliver, Wendy and John Penlington, John and Pat Wesley.

Fairfield: Betty Tarbuck, Carol Brogan, Peter Jones, Meriel Scurrall, Linda and Robert Garvin, David Hardiman.

8.. **Choir Report**

As we have no Organist Choir Master/Mistress as Hannah Ward left at the end of February, Ruth Cherry did a report which Marian Truckle read out. See Attachment.

9. **Children's Report**

Claire Lewis stated that it was a pity that the children's choir was not running and she hoped a new choir leader would be appointed as soon as possible. She would speak to Mrs. Bishop in order to have school involvement in the Worship for All service. Glynn Ashman said he would also liaise with the school

10. **Bellringer's Report**

The bellringer's have had a stable year. We recruited three ringers but two had to drop out for differing reasons. We opened the Church for the local community to give ringing go on the Heritage weekend in September which was successful and I hope to do it again this year. Scarecrow weekend, as ever, had the continuous queue of people waiting to chime and/or climb the tower. We have continued chiming to remember the World War 1 dead. We had a very successful annual dinner at the Talbot combined with Clent and Hagley towers. We do continue to look for new ringers.

11 **Church Hall Report**

No report .

12. **Scarecrow Committee report.**

The Scarecrow Committee is now a business on its own. John Penlington Will continue to represent the Church at meetings.

13. Date and Time of next Vestry Meeting and AGM

The date for the next Annual Meeting will be in March 2108. The actual date will be decided after speaking to the Treasurer.