

Minutes of the Annual Greater Whitbourne Parishioners Zoom meeting

12th April 2021 7.30pm

In attendance: Revd Dawn Hyett (DH), Revd Jan Webb (JW), Louisa Wyatt (LW), Anne Evans (AE), Chris Evans (CE), Clive Pickering (CP), William North (WN), Brenda Allan (BA), David Roberts (DR), Jerry Cummins (JC), Andrew Bullock (AB), Myrtle Kneen (MK), Jeff Salt (JS), Mike & Marion Symmons, John Bland (JB), Sylvia Bland (SB), Christopher Allsopp (CA),

1. Apologies – Carol Wilde (CW), Lis Morris, Ian Evans-Fisher

2. Minutes of the previous Annual meeting were passed. Proposed CE, seconded WN, all voted in favour.

3. Report of Rev'd Dawn Hyett

DH spoke to her report, adding that 40 people attended the Upper Sapey Carol Service.

4. Organist Report – CA

CA read his report, there were several comments about how pleased people were to have the enhancements to music and singing, and thanked CA for his work.

5. Children's activities report

DH thanked Mike & Marion for taking on this important work, and that the children's activities were flourishing, thanks to them.

6. Safeguarding

LW read CW's report. DH thanked CW for preparing this report and taking on this vital role as Safeguarding Officer.

7. Fabric of the Churches

Upper Sapey – DR read his report and added that Brights were to be called in to quote for the required electrical work. An estimate is also being sought for the roof repairs.

DH thanked David, and Ian too for their hard work.

Tedstone Delamere – LW read this report. WN commented that the porch work mentioned in his report was to be covered entirely from legacies and donations.

DH thanked William and Kath for their hard work.

Whitbourne – CP and AE work closely on this, and CP thanked AE for her wonderful cleaning efforts. MK also thanked Anne, and offered her help also.

DH thanked the Whitbourne team.

Edvin Loach – JS reported that some roof tiles appeared to be out of place, he will obtain the padlock key and report back.

DH thanked Lis and the Edvin Loach team.

8. Treasurer's report

CE spoke to this report, and noted that the Accounts are also available on the website. He reported that there were still many concerns, but the headline deficit of £1400, is a much better result for 2020 than might have been expected under the circumstances. Standing Orders and the Parish Giving Schemes have helped.

Expenditure has decreased by a similar amount to income, some 25%. Far less has been spent on projects and the churches generally.

2021 is so far showing no major change. There are hopes that weddings will help, plus fundraising. The magazine has broken even, although advertising income is running behind last year.

The Parish Share pledge has fallen by £2181, but the Diocese is totally understanding.

MK asked if the Planned Giving scheme includes Gift Aid, the answer is yes. Also it was confirmed that the Diocesan Scheme will be uplifted by inflation. There are no charges for being part of this scheme.

It was confirmed that wedding and funeral fees were split three ways, PCC, Diocese and Church.

It was also confirmed that the accounts for Olly's Friendship Room were kept separate only for accounting convenience reasons. It is a mutually beneficial arrangement with Upper Sapey Church.

9. Officers & Churchwardens

DH thanked all officers & Churchwardens for all the work they undertook during the difficult year of 2020, and expressed hopes that 2021 would be easier for all.

- a. The appointment of Jeff Salt as Churchwarden for Edwin Loach, along with Lis Morris, was recorded. He was welcomed and thanked.
- b. All other Churchwardens continuing with their roles was ratified, CE proposed and BA seconded. All voted in favour. CP offered help to AE at Whitbourne, gratefully received.
- c. DH thanked BA for her work on the PCC, and was grateful for her guidance. BA was congratulated upon receipt of the Maundy money from HM The Queen. All endorsed that and thanked Brenda.

10.. AOB

11. Next Annual meeting date

25th April 2022