

St John's, Itchen Abbas

ADCM Monday 9 March 2020

Present: Tony Gaster (Chairman) , Brigid McManus (Secretary), Alex Pease, John and Elizabeth Bouldin, Sally Parker, Charlotte Appleby, Vernon and Arminel Tottle, Sarah Hunt, Nick Owen.

Apologies: James Cheesman, Patrick Appleby

1. The meeting opened with a prayer (AP)

2. Thanks

Tony thanked first of all Vernon and Arminel for all their work. He commented that as the church is used as a community building there is far more for the vergers to do than is usual. Thanks were also expressed to the sidesmen, coffee makers, flower arrangers and churchyard team. Special thanks went to Patrick for all his maintenance jobs and repairs to the church which save the parish a great deal of money. Joan was thanked for opening and closing the church every day. Tony was thanked for his work as church warden.

3. Building

£4500 has been spent on repairs to the boundary wall of the churchyard. Moss on the church roof is still an outstanding action from the quinquennial. Patrick can't find anyone to remove it without putting up expensive scaffolding. Tony is going to watch the moss-cleaning of the village hall roof to see if it is an effective alternative.

4. Contents of the church

Nick commented that the kitchenware which was formally the property of Cameo now belongs to the church and will be listed as such next year. It was also reported that a lavabo bowl had been broken and not replaced.

5. Graveyard

Alex asked if the tombstones were safe as they are climbed on by children. John suggested the upright stones were checked next time there is a working party.

6. Car park

Alex commented that despite the continuous rain the grass surface was holding up quite well. However it was suggested that it should be closed for a period to let the grass recover, and this was agreed.

7. Nominations for church wardens.

Tony Gaster. Proposed by John Bouldin, seconded by Sally Parker.

Sarah Hunt. Proposed by Nick Owen, seconded by Brigid McManus.

PCC representative.

Sally Parker. Proposed by Sarah Hunt, seconded by Charlotte Appleby.

Deanery Synod representative.

Julia Wright.

8. Other matters.

Vernon has put paper towels in the lavatory instead of the usual towel, as a precaution against coronavirus.

He has also put a box of blue shoe covers near the church door to try to reduce mud on the carpet.

Tony suggested a towel rail would be useful in the kitchen which was agreed. Action TG.

Alex was thanked for his work in the parish, and he thanked the meeting especially as so much parish work is done in St John's.

The meeting finished with the Grace.