



The Astwell Benefice

*St Mary Magdalene Helmdon with Stuchbury & St Lawrence Radstone
St James the Great Syresham,
St John the Evangelist Whitfield,
St Mary and St Peter Lois Weedon & Weston with Plumpton
St Mary the Virgin Wappenham*
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Minutes of the BPCC MEETING Monday 17th April 2023,

The meeting opened with Prayer (PS)

Present: FH, MS, AP, CB, SW, PS, CN, PB, BE, SR

Apologies: PO, JE, WS, ST

The main purpose of this meeting was to approve the 2022 APCM report and Accounts

1. **Approval of minutes of previous BPCC meeting, 17th April 2023 (attached):**
These were approved unanimously
2. **Approval of draft 2022 APCM Report & Accounts (attached):**
These were approved unanimously.
3. **Brief updates by Committee Chairs and Churchwardens/representatives:**
 - **Lois Weedon:** FH is not resigning. The year had got off to a good start financially and attendance is up. 2 new church council members had been recruited– Sue Greenaway and Alice Gregory.
 - **Helmdon** (see attached notes): CN mentioned their problems with the sound system and a general discussion followed on this subject.
 - **Syresham** (see attached notes): A recent Quinquennial inspection had highlighted 158 items that needed addressing!
 - **Whitfield** (see attached notes) Patronal Songs of Praise was fixed for 3pm on 21st May.
 - **Wappenham** – village intending to run a History weekend in August which the church will be involved in.
 - **Worship:** Following a report by PS dated 10th April (attached) in which he highlighted recent problems of communication within the Benefice, it was suggested that if a service could not be held or similar, there should be an agreed person in each Parish who should be contacted by telephone, and that person would then 'cascade' down the information within their Parish. The list was drawn up as follows:
Syresham – AP
Helmdon – BE/CN
LW – FH/MS
Whitfield – CB/ST
Radstone - PB
 - **Social and Fundraising:** (see attached report)
4. **Progress on recruitment of new Rector** – BE had replied to Cheryl's recent email; new ordinands available in June/July, and there was a possible candidate (George Frost, 28) at Silverstone, due to be available in mid-2024.

5. **Any Other Business**

- **Clarification of elections required at vestry meetings**

Vestry meetings are being held, in preparation for the APCM, as follows:

Syresham and Helmdon on 23rd April, Lois Weedon on 14th May, Wappenham and Whitfield still to be confirmed.

- SR to send round the notice of the APCM and in PN.

- SW asked about the state of the Rectory, possible rental income during the vacancy etc. BE said this was not a possibility as it did not belong to the Benefice.

6. **Date for next BPCC Meeting:** 10th July 2023, 7.15pm at Wappenham Village Hall

7. The Grace was said and the meeting ended.

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