

PORTON BAPTIST CHURCH AGM = June 20th 2017

Those present:- John and Jean Lodge, David and Mercia Niven, Douglas and Betty Parish, Roger and Michelle Pike, Bernard Smith, John and Wendy Searle.

WELCOME AND WORSHIP - John Lodge welcomed all to the meeting, Our worship began with song 1057, the reflection taken from Angus Buchan's daily readings Proverbs 21 verse 31. John led the meeting in prayer.

APOLOGIES – Beckie Benson, Clive and Val Hacker, Ben and Harry Pike, Anne Robinson, Doreen Smith.

MINUTES of AGM 21st June 2016 - David reported that we have received an electricity rebate of £274. These minutes were agreed and signed.

MINUTES OF CHURCH MEETING FEBRUARY 28TH 2017 – It was confirmed that this year we would hold a Harvest lunch after the Harvest Sunday service. These minutes were agreed and signed.

MODERATOR'S REPORT – John Lodge felt that the past year at PBC had gone well. The fellowship have shared a good social calendar, and thanks was expressed to Michelle for her hard work. There was great feedback from the Military Wives Choir, and all who attended had a great evening. We have been so blessed by the ministry of Rev Paul Corson and Rev Russell Harrison. Thanks to Wendy for organising our speakers. At PBC we have maintained our warmth and welcome to visitors. The Lord has blessed us and we are developing into a praying church. We know prayer is real. Beckie Benson thanks us for praying for Jeff..

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT – Wendy thanked everyone for their continued support, for preaching, flowers, cleaning, refreshments, music and welcome. It has been good to have Rev's Paul Corson and Russell Harrison to preach on a regular basis.

TREASURER'S REPORT – This has been distributed. A new paragraph has been added to the Annual Report re safeguarding of children. We are in good health financially. The lectern has been lowered and the new handrails are now in place. The new steps are carpeted. Following the insurance survey by the Baptist Union the buildings are valued at £250,000 and the fittings at £30,000. The Wednesday Fellowship have increased their giving from £8 to £12 for the Bible Society. David brought three proposals to the meeting

A, - Charity support, no amount larger than £200 to be given without reference to the Church Meeting.

b. – Mrs Beverley Smith be accepted as our independent financial examiner.

c. - That all archived accounts up to 2004 be destroyed.

John Lodge recommended that all three be accepted, this was unanimous. The church meeting would be happy to reimburse David for taking Beverley and her husband out to dinner should he wish it.

David was thanked for all his hard work on our behalf.

ELECTIONS OF TRUSTEES – In accordance with our constitution two members stood down this year David Niven and Wendy Searle. No new names came forward, David and Wendy were happy to stand again and are elected.

David reminded us to inform him of any hymns and authors used in services on the overhead.

MATTERS RAISED BY ATTENDEES –

Douglas suggested that information about mission projects be shown on the overhead projector whilst lunch is prepared.

Tuesday Evenings – Due to members travelling some distances during the winter months it has been agreed to finish these meetings at the end of October during the winter months. Wendy suggested that she send a prayer list by email on Saturdays and members use this for prayer on Tuesdays at home. Paper copies can be given to those without access. This could be trialled in August .Occasional meetings might be held at the Parish's home

Day of Prayer – October 24th, Bernard will organise a time chart.

AGM – A fish and chip night was suggested to encourage folk to attend.

Military Wives Concert – David distributed details of expenses and donation made to the choir. A further contribution was agreed of £150.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING – October 10th

Douglas closed the meeting with prayer.