

## **Minutes for the Smarden Budget Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm**

**Present**—Alex Bienfait, Ewa Loffstadt, Mike Barkway, Tony Lush, Tom Hay, Edward Demery, Stuart Tucker

**Apologies** – Vivienne Rose.

### **Opening Prayers**

### **Wedding Fees for 2019**

Fees agreed - £75 Organist, £50 Heating, £150 Choir, £220 Bells.

### **Salaries for 2019**

Increase of 3% agreed. Proposed Tony Lush, Seconded: Barkway, All in favour.

### **Joint Account**

Agreed to increase payments to the joint account to £660. Proposed Mike Barkway, Seconded Ewa Loffstadt. All in favour.

### **Magazine subscription and advertising**

No increases proposed.

### **Draft Budget**

The PCC has agreed for Tony Lush to explore abandoning the envelope giving scheme. Tony will speak to existing users.

From 2019 the PCC agreed to support the Apollos Trust with £1000 per annum for three years, subject to an annual review. The PCC acknowledged that they need to pay the previously payments to the Apollos Trust for 2017 and 2018.

The Budget was approved unanimously.

### **Charity of the Year 2019**

PCC voted to support the Apollos Trust.

### **AOB**

Tony Lush handed out Risk Assessment that he had done.

Bob Barnes has given notice that he wishes to stand down as organist. PCC expressed sadness at hearing this news and will need to discuss the appointment of a new organist in due course.

### **Closing Prayers**

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.