

Draft Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 14th April 2019 at 11.30am in Church

Present: Revd Ruth Peet chaired the meeting and 26 parishioners attended

1. Welcome and Prayer

Ruth thanked everyone for attending and opened the meeting with a prayer

2. Apologies for absence

Charlie Bunker, Gordon and Brenda Sladen, Ann and Geoff Game, Sharon Stigle, Stephen Kyle.

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHONERS (VESTRY MEETING)

3. Election of Church Wardens

Ruth advised that the purpose of the Vestry Meeting is to elect two Church Wardens. Alan Longmuir and Aileen Ongley were both willing to stand again this year and had been individually proposed and seconded: Aline Ongley had been proposed by Alan Longmuir and seconded by Ann Banham and agreed by all those present.

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Ruth thanked them both for their hard work during the last year.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Report, Draft Minutes of the previous APCM, Statement of Financial Accounts and Reports from Committees and other Group for 2018 had previously been circulated.

4. Approval of the draft Minutes of the APCM on 15th April 2018

There were no amendments to be made and it was agreed by all attending that they were a true record of the meeting.

5. Vicars Comments

Ruth thanked everyone for taking her on and for all the hard work that went in to making her Induction Service so memorable. She has been here eight weeks now and is very happy to be here as our Vicar. There are obvious priorities to focus on first, communication, growth in the community, money. There are also many other churches who are in a similar position, but we can be one of the thriving churches.

We need to be careful and responsible in our money management and find ways to work in the wider community, and trust God to show the way forward. She is looking forward to seeing where our journey takes us.

6. New Electoral Roll

We now have 107 (54%) members resident in the parish on the new Electoral Roll which is slightly reduced from last year.

She would like to thank Steven Kyle who has taken over the role from Allan Card this year and Gordon Hunt for his support.

7. Annual Report – Gordon Hunt

Gordon thanked the two Parish Representatives who selected Ruth as our Vicar and also those who helped with the parish profile and running the church during the Interregnum.

He advised that the Safeguarding Report, which has previously been included in the Committees and Other Groups Reports, will now be included in the Annual Report from next year,

Ruth would like to thank Gordon for his work as Vice Chairman during the Interregnum.

8. PCC Financial Report and Accounts

This had already been incorporated in the Annual Report for 2018.

Alan advised that the Statement of Financial Accounts had been independently examined and approved by an Independent Examiner.

We were in deficit by £4,000 in 2018 and with God and Ruth's help he felt more positive for this year

Alan asked if anyone had any questions to ask. There were none.

Alan thanked Pam Storr for all her help with finance matters.

Ruth would like to record her thanks to both Alan and Pam Storr who between them keep our accounts up to date.

9. Fabric Committee – Bob Halliday

The Fabric Report had already been incorporated in the Annual Report for 2018

Bob advised that the faculties for work in the Vestry and South Tower had now been completed, and a new faculty for a memorial bench had now been approved.

The Quinquennial report for the next five years had now been received which the committee are processing at the moment.

The church Electrical Inspection had taken place and there some issues to be processed.

Ruth would like to record her thanks to Bob and the Fabric Committee for all their hard work.

Deanery Synod – Gordon Hunt

The report had already been incorporated in the Annual Report for 2018

Gordon advised that the proposed boundary changes had now taken place. The Deanery had been involved in the Indicative Offers consultation which was initiated by the Diocese. The Diocese require money from each parish to cover the cost of its clergy and expect parishes to pay their fair share. This year we have been asked to pay £53-54,000 but we have replied we can only offer £40,000. Other churches are in a similar position and also struggling to pay their share. Revised proposals are now being considered.

Ruth would like to thank our representatives, Gordon and Alan, who are both in their 2nd year of a 3 yr. term.

11. Election of members to the Parochial Church Council

Ruth advised that as there were over 100 members on the new Electoral Roll for 2019 we are still able to have twelve members to serve on the PCC. These are divided into three groups, each with four members, who serve a 3 year term.

This year Pam Storr, Charlie Bunker, Joy Halliday and Andy Browns' three year term ends. There were also two resignations. Ruth would like to thank them all for their service.

This will leave 4 natural vacancies and two part year vacancies.

Five people had been nominated, proposed and seconded:

Pam Storr had been proposed by Ann Beale, seconded by Ann Game. All those present agreed

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Anita Keays had been proposed by Aline Ongley and seconded by Ann Beale. All those present agreed.

Sharon Stigle had been proposed by Aline Ongley and seconded by Daphne Card. All those present agreed.

Emma Parren had been proposed by Aline Ongley and seconded by Daphne Card. All those present agreed.

This left one vacancy and Ruth advised that it was still possible to fill this vacancy at the meeting if anyone would like to put their name forward. Andy Brown advised he would be willing to stand again and Christine Hatfield proposed, Pam Storr seconded and all those present agreed.

12. Sides-persons

Ruth read out the names of the Sides-persons and they were accepted by all those present:

8.00am: Mrs J Vidler, Mrs R Chapman, Mr & Mrs J Lloyd, Mrs S Dilling, Mrs G Johnson.

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Mr & Mrs G. Game, Mr G Sladen, Mrs A Beale, Mrs B Hunt, Mr R. Turner, Mrs D. Longmuir, Mr & Mrs S Hambleton, Mrs A Keays, Mrs R Robinson, Mr. N Simister, Mr. A Brown, Mrs A Ongley, Mrs B Russell.

Ruth would like to record her thanks to all sides-persons for their help.

13 Appointment of an Independent Examiner

Alan recommended that we keep Martyn Burt, who has examined our accounts for the last two years, as our Independent Examiner, Gordon Hunt seconded and all those present agreed.

Ruth would like to record her thanks to Martyn.

14. Any Other Business

Gordon advised that the PCC do consider the draft Minutes of each APCM at their next meeting after the APCM.

Andy Brown thanked Ruth for all she had done for the church since her appointment.

Ruth would like to record her thanks to all committees and groups for all their work that goes unnoticed throughout the year.

Mrs True asked if the minutes of the PCC Meetings could be displayed in church. Gordon advised that brief notes of these meetings are now being displayed on the church noticeboard at the rear of the church.

15. Next APCM

29th March 2020 at 11.30 after church.