

**Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners and Annual Parochial Church Council
of St Peter and St Paul's Church, Aylesford held on Sunday 2nd May 2021 at 11.30am
held in the Church and by Zoom**

Present: Revd Ruth Peet chaired the meeting. 17 parishioners attended in the Church and 10 attended via Zoom.

1. Welcome and Prayer

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

2. Apologies for absence

Jane Roberts

ANNUAL MEETING OF PARISHIONERS (VESTRY MEETING)

3. Election of Church Wardens

Ruth advised that both Alan Longmuir and Aline Ongley were both willing to stand again and had been individually proposed and seconded. There were no other nominees. Aline had been proposed by Alan Longmuir and seconded by Davina Longmuir. Alan had been proposed by Michael Keays and seconded by Anita Keays. With no other nominations both were declared elected.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Report, Draft Minutes of the previous APCM, Statement of Financial Accounts and Reports from Other Groups for 2020 had previously been circulated and were taken as read.

4. Approval of Draft Minutes of the APCM on Sunday 2nd May 2020

There were no amendments to be made and it was agreed by all those parishioners attending at Church and by Zoom to be a true record of that meeting. Ruth asked for any matters arising from these minutes to be brought up as they arise or under Any Other Business.

5. Report on the numbers entered on the new Electoral Roll as at 17th April 2021

Anita advised that we have 114 people on the Electoral Roll. 60 are resident in the parish and 54 are non-residents. Since publishing the revised Electoral Roll on 6th October 2020 we have had 2 people removed and 5 people added.

Ruth thanked Anita for her continuing work as Electoral Roll Officer.

6. Parish Annual Report and Vicar's Comments

Ruth gave an update on the Annual report (attached) and asked if there were any questions. Andy Brown asked if Ruth knew when the Brassey Bazaar would be opening. Ruth advised that this is under discussion with the PCC.

7. Financial Report

Alan advised that that last year was a difficult year for everyone and the PCC are grateful to all the people who supported us during this time as well as the support from the Brassey Trust. He had stood as Treasurer for many years and had never thought that the time would come when we only had £177 end of year balance. We are looking at all ways to raise more funds and to this end we have formed a Church Funding Group who are looking at ways to

raise funds and grants. Unfortunately all churches are in the same position. He asked if anyone had any questions to ask. There were none.

Alan advised that he had served as Treasurer for 11 years and 2020 was his last year as Treasurer. We are fortunate that Peter Walton, the Treasurer for Friends of Aylesford Church, had volunteered to take over as Treasurer and Alan wished him well.

Ruth thanked Alan and Peter for all their work on the finances, Alan for his dedication and hard work during his time as Treasurer and for helping Peter into his new role as Treasurer.

8. Fabric, Goods and Ornaments

Alan advised the following:

(a) By next Tuesday all windows damaged as a result of a break-in 2 years ago will have been repaired.

(b) It has been arranged for a light switch to be placed inside the Priests door shortly to enable people to be able to see their way safely to the back of the church.

(c) In the 2013 Quinquennial we were advised that within 10 years major repairs needed to the church roof should be completed. We are hoping to get these repairs done this year and the Committee are now in the process of obtaining estimates. As these repairs will be expensive we will need to do some specific fund raising.

Ruth asked for our thanks to Bob and the Fabric Committee to be recorded, recognising the number of projects for which Bob has taken on responsibility.

9. Deanery Synod

Gordon advised that the Synod has met twice during the year. Ruth, Alan, Ian Packer and he were our Deanery Synod Representatives and they had been sharing experience with other parishes on the effects of the restrictions and also information about pastoral reorganisation. He asked if there were any questions and there were none.

Ruth thanked Gordon and the other Deanery Synod representatives.

10. Election of PCC members

Ruth advised that as there are over 100 people on the Electoral Roll for 2021 we can elect 12 members on to the PCC. These are divided into three groups, each with four members who will serve a three year term. This year the 3-year term ends for Julie Hambelton, Ian Packer, Christine Hatfield and Emma Parren. Ian, Christine and Emma are all willing to stand again, but Julie did not wish to. Thanks were expressed to all these people and Ruth will write to Julie for her hard work during her term of office.

We have received 4 nominations which have all been nominated and seconded – Ian Packer, Christine Hatfield, Emma Parren and Charlie Bunker.

Thanks you to those willing to renew their term and to Charlie for his nomination. Charlie had served on the PCC previously but had resigned due to his workload at that time.

Ian Packer had been proposed by Aline Ongley and seconded by Ann Beale.

Christine Hatfield had been proposed by Ann Game and seconded by Pam Storr.

Emma Parren had been proposed by Aline Ongley and seconded by Sharon Stigle.

Charlie Bunker had been proposed by Aline Ongley and seconded by Ann Beale.

All those parishioners in church and by Zoom unanimously agreed.

11. Election of Independent Examiner

It was recommended to keep Martyn Burt, who audited our accounts this year, as our Independent Examiner again. Alan Longmuir proposed, Andy Brown seconded and all those parishioners present in church or by Zoom unanimously agreed.

12. Any Other Business

Ruth asked if anyone had anything to raise. There were none.

Ruth thanked everyone for all their contribution and hard work during the last year. Jill True offered special thanks to the people who have operated the Zoom services. Ruth thanked Gordon, Anita, and Ann for the work involved in the preparation of the APCM and also Meike for arranging Zoom.

13. Date and Time of next APCM

Sunday 8th May 2022 at 11.30am after church.