

## **Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Wednesday 2 June 2021**

Present: Rev. Canon Paul Gully (PG), in the chair, and 22 parishioners.

Apologies were received from Rev. Philippa Good, Simon Lemieux, Karen Lemieux, Jill Collings, Amanda Wells, Paul Wells, Chris Batstone, Viv Batstone, Lynne Runham, Marina Horner and Charlotte Saunders

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The minutes were presented in written format. There were no questions arising from the minutes.

### **Electoral Roll Report and Appointment of Roll Officer**

The number on updated roll is 107. Marcus Saunders was elected as Electoral Roll officer.

### **Election of PCC members**

Nominations to PCC were received as follows:-

- Chantal Bodsworth was proposed by Richard Jempson and seconded by Paul Harrison.
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- Lynne Runham was proposed by Ruth Taylor and seconded by Chantal Bodsworth.

Chantal, Richard and Lynne were elected for a 3 year term.

### **Appointment of Treasurer**

PG explained that the appointment of the Treasurer for the parish is a matter for the PCC, but that the PCC would wish to be guided by a recommendation from the APCM. Hannah Emerton had taken on the role from 1 January 2021 and had confirmed that she was happy to continue as Parish Treasurer. The APCM so recommended the appointment of Hannah Emerton.

### **Appointment of Secretary to the PCC**

PG explained that the appointment of the Secretary to the PCC was a matter for the PCC, but again he thought that the PCC would wish to be guided by a recommendation from the APCM. He also explained that the current Secretary, John Upton (JU) had expressed the wish to continue as a servant to the PCC, rather than be a voting member of the PCC. The APCM so recommended.

### **Appointment of Independent Examiner**

Mark Emerton, as Finance Committee Convenor, explained that it was sensible at this stage to continue to work with our existing Independent Examiners, but that the committee would be considering a change at some time in the future as it was financially prudent to change Independent Examiners periodically. The PCC so recommended, and the meeting agreed, that we re-appoint Messrs Morris Crocker, of Station House, North Street, Havant PO9 1QU to be our Independent Examiner for a further year.

### **Appointment of Deputy Wardens**

Paul Harrison affirmed he is willing to continue in the role of deputy churchwarden. Accordingly, the APCM appointed Paul for a further 12 months. PG thanked the deputy wardens, including Chantal Bodsworth, for their work in the last year.

### **Appointment of Sidespersons**

The following people had agreed to serve as Sidespersons for the next year –

**St. Andrew's church:** Chantal Bodsworth, Chris Brown, Ann Howells, Richard Jempson, Anthony Purser, Lynne Runham, Len Taylor, Amanda Wells and Paul Wells.

**Church of the Resurrection:** Di Allen, Chris Batstone, Sheena Day, Jill Fellows, Ron Fellows, Chris Gibbons, Jean Nicholas, Michele Voysey, Emma Walters, Vivien Walters.

The meeting duly elected these persons to serve as Sidespersons.

### **Agreement that Licensed Readers should serve as ex-officio members of PCC**

PG explained that Amber Vincent-Prior, Reader, did not confirm her wish to be a member of PCC. Simon Lemieux, Reader, was already serving as a Deanery Synod representative and therefore had an ex-officio seat on the PCC. There was therefore no need for the APCM to give agreement to Licensed Readers to serve as ex-officio members of the PCC.

### **Treasurer's Report on the 2020 accounts**

The accounts for year ended 31 December 2021 were presented as a separate document. Hannah Emerton explained that the accounts had been submitted to the Independent Examiners but had not yet been given the certificate. The Independent Examiners had not raised any questions about the accounts, but as they had only recently completed the examination of the 2020 accounts, it was not expected that any questions of significance would be asked about these accounts. The PCC had approved the accounts on 26 May 2021.

The meeting was invited to ask questions about the accounts as presented.

Geoff Wilson asked if the PCC had been able to appoint a Stewardship Officer. PG confirmed that it had not been able to do so to date.

PG reported that both Maretta Nelson and John Romney are standing down from their respective roles and so would cease to be members of the Finance Team. He thanked them both for their years of work in their roles and for their contributions to the work of the Finance Team.

### **Safeguarding Policy Statement**

The Safeguarding Policy Statement had been published on page 19 of the Annual Report. PG reported that Safeguarding is a standing item on the PCC agenda. The policy statement is due for review and will be considered by PCC at its meeting in July.

There were no questions about Safeguarding.

### **Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church by the Churchwardens**

The Churchwardens' report was included on pages 11- 12 of the Annual Report. There were no questions to the Churchwardens. PG thanked Amanda Wells and Michael Horner for their work in the last year.

### **Report on the proceedings of the PCC by the Secretary**

The Secretary's report was included on pages 12 - 13 of the Annual Report. There were no questions to the Secretary.

### **Report on the proceedings of Deanery Synod**

The report on Deanery Synod proceedings was included on page 13 of the Annual Report. There were no questions to the Deanery Synod representatives.

### **Rector's remarks**

The Rector's remarks were published on page 10 of the Annual Report.

Geoff Wilson asked PG to say a bit more about the changes taking place to which he had referred in his Rector's remarks. PG outlined the process to date in drawing up changes to the parish structure within the Diocese and indicated the current proposals. He said that there are a number of questions concerning the plans which have yet to be answered. He reminded those present of their Deanery Synod representatives, and encouraged people to talk to them regularly to keep abreast of unfolding developments.

### **Any questions about parochial church matters**

This was an opportunity to ask questions about any items in the Annual Report not covered so far, or any other parochial matters. There were none.

There being no further business, PG closed the meeting with a blessing at 8:20 pm.