

Minutes of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting held on Sunday 23rd April 2023
immediately following the Meeting of Parishioners

Present: Rev. Canon Paul Gully [PG] in the chair, and 36 parishioners.

Apologies: Apologies were received from Rev. Linda Denness, Ed Denness, Simon Lemieux, John Upton, Linda Upton and Caroline Harper.

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The minutes were presented in written format. Marina Horner pointed out that Revd Linda Denness had been omitted from Michael Horner's thanks to the Ministry team – to be added.

Electoral Roll Report and Appointment of Roll Officer:

The number on the updated roll is 107. Marcus Saunders is happy to continue as Electoral Roll Officer and was duly elected.

Election of PCC members:

PG has received a letter of resignation from the PCC from Chantal Bodsworth whom he thanked for her service, along with Hannah Emerton and Charlotte Saunders as their tenure on the PCC comes to an end.

There are currently 7 vacancies on the PCC. Two nominations have been received as follows:-

- Colin South was proposed by Paul Harrison and seconded by John Upton
- Phillip Sampson was proposed by John Upton and seconded by Marcus Saunders.

Both were duly elected unanimously for a 3-year term.

Post meeting note: Since the meeting Colin South has withdrawn his candidacy from the PCC.

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 confirmed that she would be happy to continue as Parish Treasurer. The APCM so recommended the appointment of Hannah Emerton - ? to be co-opted by PCC.

Appointment of Secretary to the PCC:

The current Secretary, John Upton, who stood down after last year's APCM, has continued to carry out the backroom work of Secretary in the absence of anyone else prepared to take on the role with the support of Marina Horner and Lorraine Carpenter (RIP) as Minutes Secretaries, to whom PG

offered his thanks. There have still been no offers of anyone to take on the role, therefore it is for the PCC to appoint a Secretary from its number. The PCC will consider the position.

Appointments to the Deanery Synod (not on Agenda):

There are currently two ex-officio members Simon Lemieux and Mark Emerton who are members of Deanery/Diocesan Synod because they are members of Bishop's council. There are 3 vacancies for Deanery Synod and one nomination – Dr Marcus Saunders, who was duly elected unanimously.

Appointment of Independent Examiner:

It was proposed by the Chair (with the agreement of the Treasurer) that we continue to use Morris Crocker, Chartered Accountants in Havant, as the Independent Examiners for a further year. The meeting agreed to the appointment unanimously.

Appointment of Deputy Wardens:

Paul Harrison and Chantal Bodsworth both affirmed their willingness to continue serving as deputy churchwardens at St. Andrew's church. Accordingly, the APCM appointed Paul and Chantal for the next 12 months. There were no nominations for COR.

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

PG explained that Simon Lemieux serves as a member of Deanery Synod and so is an ex-officio member of PCC already. Amber Vincent-Prior is a Reader licensed to serve across the Diocese, therefore it is not required for Amber to serve ex-officio on PCC. Amber does not wish to serve on the PCC at this time.

Treasurer's report on the 2021 accounts:

The accounts for the year ended 31 December 2022 were presented as a separate document. Hannah Emerton explained that the accounts had been examined by the Independent Examiners and no matters of concern had been raised. The PCC had approved the accounts on 10th April 2023.

There were no questions about the accounts.

Hannah Emerton (Treasurer) pointed out that, although we are more financially sound this year, the increased fuel charges are likely to have a significant impact on next year's finances. PG thanked Hannah and the Finance Team for their work looking after the church finances in the past year. Also, thanks to Sarah Saunders for sorting out the gift aid.

Safeguarding Policy Statement:

The Safeguarding Policy Statement had been included on pages 19-21 of the Annual report. There were no questions about Safeguarding. PG thanked Christine Watkins for her continuing work as Parish Safeguarding Officer.

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

The churchwarden's report was included on pages 10 and 11 of the Annual Report. There were no questions to the Churchwarden. PG thanked Anthony Purser for his work in the past year and thanks to everyone who helps out with attending to the Fabric of the church, particularly in the absence of a Churchwarden at COR.

Report on the proceedings of the PCC by the Secretary:

The report was included on pages 11 and 12 of the Annual Report. There were no questions to the Secretary. PG thanked John Upton for continuing to do the background work during the last year, despite standing down from the post of Secretary at the last APCM. John has re-expressed his wish to discontinue any secretarial role therefore it will be incumbent on the PCC to find someone to fill this post.

Report on the proceedings of Deanery Synod:

The report on Deanery Synod proceedings was included on page 12 of the Annual Report. There were no questions to Deanery Synod representatives.

Rector's remarks:

The Rector's remarks were published on pages 9 and 10 of the Annual Report. There were no questions to the Rector. The Rector reiterated that he would always welcome any volunteers to help with ongoing tasks.

Any questions about parochial church matters:

PG drew the attention of the meeting to the other contributions within the Annual Report: Drayton Film Club, Messy Church, Spirituality, Worship and Discipleship Committee [SWDC], Eco Church group and Traidcraft. He thanked all those who undertake these activities for their hard work. He invited questions about these activities and any other parochial church matters. There were none.

PG offered thanks to everyone involved in supporting his ministry and work in the Parish.

There being no further business, PG closed the meeting with a blessing.