

**MINUTES OF VESTRY MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING**

**SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY AT 4PM**

**ALL SAINTS' CHURCH HALL**

**CHAired BY REV'D CHARLIE BOYLE**

Vestry meeting

Charlie thanked Antony, the Archdeacon for chairing the EPCM.

Apologies: Eva Wallace-Hadrill, Daphne Anderson, Julie Reeves.

Election of Churchwardens – Charlie said he had an application from David Young for the role of Church warden. Philip Corneby had also applied. David and Philip were asked to give an account of themselves so that the congregation could take a vote. The vote was taken by a show of hands and the result was in favour of Philip.

Charlie then opposed this and stated that as Incumbent he had the right to overturn this vote and therefore David Young would be Church warden. Archdeacon Antony stated that Charlie did not have this right and therefore could not overturn the vote. Philip Corneby was duly proposed by Lynne Meacock, and seconded by James Wallace-Hadrill.

Michael Steen was re-elected as Church warden, confirmed by a show of hands in the room. Proposed by Lynne Meacock and seconded by Martin Watts.

Church wardens therefore are Philip Corneby and Michael Steen.

Charlie thanked Michael Steen for his efforts in the last year as Church warden under very difficult circumstances, Romy Shephard and her team for providing refreshments, Emma Barton for compiling the Annual Report, Dale Edy for his work with the families, Julie Pearson for being PCC Secretary last year, Richard Bone for his work as Treasurer, John Gunton for checking over the accounts, Peter Drysdale for all he did whilst serving at the Church and Gill Drysdale for being Church warden last year.

The congregation then sang Happy Birthday to the Verger, John Parker.

This concluded the Vestry Meeting.

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Electoral Roll was proposed by Trevor Meacock and seconded by Sam Moore, and approved.

The Annual Report was proposed by Sam Moore and seconded by James Wallace-Hadrill. However, it was pointed out that as the objectives were missing from the Annual Report they were incomplete so could not be approved. The office staff will meet with Charlie in order to rectify this.

The Treasurer, Richard Bone gave an overview of the accounts.

Copies of the audited 2021 Financial Statement had been made available for members at the meeting.

The Statement showed a surplus for the year of £22,357 largely thanks to unrestricted legacies amounting to £87,046 without which All Saints would have finished up with a deficit.

Richard took questions from the floor :-

Trevor Meacock criticised the selection of colours used in the pie chart. Richard explained that these were standard colours selected by the Excel software and being colour blind, was unable to do much about them.

Trevor Meacock queried why there were different figure in respect of Sundries in the Annual Report (£2,442) and Financial Statement (£1,469). Richard undertook to investigate and advise.

*Post meeting note - Financial Statement sums in respect of Fund Raising (£321), Investment Income (£565), In / Out (£85) and CCLA deposit account interest (£2) would have shown as such ridiculously narrow slices of the pie chart that they were lumped in with Sundries thereby increasing the figure from £1,469 to £2,442.*

Howard Cunningham-Smith raised the matter of the amount of invested funds and considered use of the money. Richard said that the value of the investments rises and falls with the market; the capital does produce some income which is useful but that the funds could be used for better purposes. The 2021 PCC had discussed the matter but no decision has yet been reached.

Howard asked how the church Membership would be able to be involved in the decision making on use of the funds, not just leaving it to the PCC.

John Thorpe wanted reassurance that legacy money would not be used to fund the Diocesan Share. Richard pointed out that while regular giving remains at its present level, the church is running a deficit and that will inevitably lead to use of reserve funds to make up the shortfall.

Richard reported that a budget prepared for 2022 based on levels of giving as last year against expenditure which is increasing due to inflation (diocesan share up 5% to now over £100,000 pa, electricity up 50%, etc) showed a possible annual deficit of circa £85,000. Subsequent to that British Gas have recently advised that when our contract expires on 30 June, they are offering us a new fixed one year contract at rates 550% of present charges. Quoting spend for March 2022 at £550 for the church and hall would increase to £3,000 in 2023. The cold months would probably cost more. This had not been budgeted for. Sam Moore has offered to help in getting the church the best deal.

The 2022 budget was based on nil legacies for the forthcoming year.

The reserve funds enable the PCC to plan and move forward with confidence and without having to consider asking members for help.

The accounts were accepted. Proposed by Trevor Meacock and seconded by John Thorpe.

Michael Steen, Church warden gave a report of the fabric, goods and ornaments of the Church. A spotlight outside the Church had been reversed over by a car and was in need of repair. Everything else is in good order and routine maintenance is taking place as and when needed.

The Deanery Synod Report was approved with the exception of a minor typing error in the wording which the office staff will rectify. Proposed by David Bebo and seconded by James Wallace-Hadrill.

Current members of the Deanery Synod are Janet Morris, Kate Edwards and Beryl Hurley. A re-election is not due until 2023.

Charlie then moved on to the election of PCC Members. Current members are Carol Burdon, Rosemary Griffiths and Sam Moore.

Nominations had been received for Barbara Bamford, Emma Barton, Caroline Nicholson, Anne Burton, Gareth Whitcombe, Stella Whitcombe, Julie Reeves, Martin Watts, David Young and Tom Tobin.

Voting slips were passed round, the congregation were asked to vote and sign their slips on the reverse. The votes were counted and verified. The voting slips and results grid were passed to Charlie so that he could announce the results.

The following candidates were elected onto the PCC: Barbara Bamford, Emma Barton, Caroline Nicholson, Stella Whitcombe, Gareth Whitcombe and Anne Burton.

Richard Bone would continue as Treasurer but was not willing to be on the PCC.

Charlie then closed the meeting and the congregation left.

Archdeacon Antony also then left.

The meeting of the new PCC was then held.

Charlie then announced that David Young and Martin Watts had offered to be Deanery Synod representatives so would automatically be on the PCC. *\*(See footnote)*

Kate Edwards raised that as she, Beryl Hurley and Janet Morris were already on the Deanery Synod then there were no vacancies.

Anne Burton reiterated her wish to resign as PCC Secretary. No-one present was willing to take on the role so someone will need to be found, either from the wider congregation or from outside on a paid basis.

Charlie said he would communicate with everyone regarding a date for the next PCC meeting.

Charlie then closed the meeting.

*\*Since the meeting it has been established that David Young and Martin Watts were not in fact elected onto the Deanery Synod at the meeting and in any case there are no Deanery Synod vacancies. They therefore do not form part of the new PCC.*

*Charlie has informed David Young and Martin Watts of the position.*