

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WRECCLESHAM

Minutes of the combined Annual Meeting of the Parishioners and Parochial Church Council held in the St. Peter's Church Building on Sunday 24th March 2019.

PRESENT: J. Drake-Smith, J Arbury, B Bailey, Y Bailey, K Beesley, V Bolton, S Cavalier, G Colbran, P Colbran, W Coxell, J Crawford, S Davies, R Durrant, S Durrant, C Ellis, J Emberson, E Hendry, J Jeffery, M Jeffery, R Jefferyes, A Jones, I Lapworth, P Lapworth, K Lill, G Martin, R Parrott, S Rossiter, I Skeet, R Skeet, RAH Steward, N Tyrie, K Walker, R Whittington, H Woods, S Woods.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS – 24th March 2019

Revd Jacqueline Drake-Smith welcomed parishioners to the meeting, which was held in St Peter's Church building. In the absence of Paul Smith, Ian Lapworth acted as PCC Secretary.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from: J and J Birch, J Covey, P Fisher, D Ling, C and F Wilkes, P Yates.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS HELD ON 22rd April 2018

It was proposed by Ian Lapworth and seconded by Christopher Ellis that the Minutes of the meeting, which had been posted on the PCC Notice Board, should be accepted as a true record. This was agreed unanimously.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

4. ELECTION OF CHURCH WARDENS

There were no nominations for the post of Churchwarden.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 11.43 am.

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING – 24th March 2019

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received have been listed in the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. The names of those parishioners attending is listed in the Annual Meeting of Parishioners.

2. MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING OF THE PARISHIONERS HELD ON 22rd April 2018

The Minutes of the meeting had been posted on the PCC Notice Board. It was proposed by Ian Lapworth, seconded by Elizabeth Hendry, and unanimously agreed that they be accepted as a true record.

3. MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising

4. ELECTORAL ROLL REPORT

Susan Davies, the Electoral Roll Officer, reported that the number on the roll was 105, of which 75 were resident and 30 non-resident.

5. ANNUAL REPORT

The report meets the requirements of the Charities Act 1993 and the PCC (2001 2nd edition) and is submitted to the Guildford Diocese with the Annual Statement of Accounts. The Report had been displayed on the PCC Notice Board. A copy is held on file with these Minutes.

The report was unanimously accepted by the meeting. Revd Jacqueline said that what had been achieved in 2018 was both positive and amazing.

6. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 2018

The Treasurer, Pat Lapworth, gave a summary of the Church accounts for the year to 31st December 2018, which had been independently examined by Mr Patrick Andrew and had been displayed on the PCC Noticeboard. A copy of these accounts and the presentation are filed with these Minutes.

A deficit budget had been planned for 2018 and the deficit at the end of year was less than planned for and most welcome. She thanked everyone for their fund-raising efforts which had substantially exceeded the budgeted expectations. The Church needs to continue to increase both planned giving and fund raising because it cannot afford to keep running a deficit.

Pat clarified the situation with regard to the Parish Share, which will continue to rise significantly over the next five years.

An explanation of the church's Outward Giving was included in Pat's presentation.

Revd Jacqueline thanked Pat for her tireless and faithful work and said her dedication was second to none.

7. ELECTION OF DEANERY SYNOD REPRESENTATIVE

Paul Smith is standing down as a Deanery Synod rep, but Naomi Tyrie will continue.

8. ELECTION OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LAITY TO SERVE ON THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

Elizabeth Ambrose and Paul Smith are standing down after serving six years on the PCC and Rosalind Forsyth after one year. The meeting thanked them for their service to the PCC.

Simon Rossiter and Philip Yates have both served three years and were willing to serve a second term. Robert Durrant, Andrew Jones and Sally Woods were willing to serve for a first term.

Candidate	Proposed	Seconded
Robert Durrant	Hugh Woods	Reg Skeet
Andrew Jones	Kay Walker	Deborah Ling
Simon Rossiter	Naomi Tyrie	Rosalind Forsyth
Sally Woods	Ian Lapworth	Kathryn Beesley
Philip Yates	Susan Davies	Ian Lapworth

There being no other candidates all were elected unopposed. There remains one casual vacancy on the PCC.

9. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR TO THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

It was proposed by Ian Lapworth and seconded by Brian Bailey that the election of a Vice Chair to the PCC should be held over until the first meeting on the new PCC in May. This was agreed unanimously.

10. ELECTION OF CHURCHES TOGETHER IN FARNHAM REPRESENTATIVE

It was agreed unanimously that Rosalind Forsyth should continue in this role.

11. APPOINTMENT OF STEWARDS

A list of the Stewards currently serving was displayed. The meeting was asked whether it was happy to confirm the list en bloc and this was unanimously agreed.

The list is filed with these Minutes.

12. APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXAMINER

The meeting thanked to Mr Patrick Andrew, who has been the Independent Examiner for a number of years. He has agreed to continue to undertake the independent examination of St Peter's accounts. It was proposed that the meeting should accept the appointment of Patrick Andrew as Independent Examiner for 2019. This was agreed unanimously by the meeting.

13. DEANERY SYNOD REPORT

This was delivered by Naomi Tyrie and is filed with these Minutes.

14. ANNUAL REPORT ON CHURCH FABRIC

This was delivered by Elizabeth Hendry and is filed with these Minutes

15. SAFEGUARDING POLICY

This was delivered by Sally Woods, the Parish Safeguarding Officer, and is filed with these Minutes.

Revd Jacqueline thanked Sally, and Elizabeth Hendry, for their diligent and continuing determination to keep the parish up to date on all safeguarding and health and safety compliance issues.

16. CHURCHWARDENS' REPORT

This was delivered by Elizabeth Hendry and is filed with these Minutes.

17. VICAR'S REPORT

Revd Jacqueline delivered her report which is filed with these Minutes.

In it she highlighted the inroads made into developing spiritual growth, collective worship and social gatherings during 2018. She said:

“Messy Church and LYCIG have both helped to set the scene for our identity as we have got to know each other better. We are building on what came before and are on our way.

In the coming year we will sow the seeds of God's abundance which lead to spiritual and physical growth. We are encouraging new creative ideas involving younger families. Things are already moving with a fortnightly youth group which meets at Liz Ambrose's house. There will be a Nurture course in the summer when we will be inviting people who have never come to church to come along. We are flourishing.

Thank you to everyone who has supported me through this year. It is a privilege to serve God in this place. Everybody has a part to play as we try to live out our communal life and serve God and our community in our own individual way. At the end of the day it will be God's vision and plans that will transform lives and community. We must continue to pray and share ideas. We all have so much to contribute. We should nurture and encourage a spirit of trust and faith that the church belongs to us all. We must not be afraid to try something new as we embody God's spirit of change and transformation in Wrecclesham”.

18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Ian Lapworth read out a letter from the Diocese of Guildford informing Revd Jacqueline that Wrecclesham had been identified as a parish where a new venture to support and grow the relationship between the Diocese, the church and St Peter's school would be piloted. This was a great honour as only four primary schools had been chosen to take part in the pilot scheme. More information would be available over the coming months.

The meeting closed at 12.56pm with Revd Jacqueline leading all those attending in saying the Grace.