

**The minutes for the Shirley Parish Annual Parochial Meeting held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2025, commencing at 12:30pm**

**Vestry Meeting.**

**The meeting opened with prayers led by Rev Paul**

Election of Church Warden(s)

Nomination forms were received for Gill Hanton and Linda Pitt.

A resolution needs to be passed as Gill Hanton has served as churchwarden for 6 years according to the Church Representation Rules, we need to propose a resolution to allow her to continue.

Proposed from the chair – all voted in favour.

No other nominations were received, therefore all agreed unanimously that they should serve another year.

**This was immediately followed by the APCM.**

1. Apologies were received from Liz Yates, Ian Longbottom, Sarah Penfold, Gill Harniess.
2. There were no additional items for AOB.
3. The minutes of the APCM for 2024.  
The minutes were proposed from the chair as a true record of the meeting. All voted in favour. There were no matters arising.
4. Electoral Roll report. This was provided by Margaret Foreshew as Electoral Roll Officer, and was published prior to the meeting. The report was also read out.
5. Elections
  - (a) Electoral Roll Officers. Margaret Foreshew is willing to continue as Electoral Roll Officer. Proposed from the chair and all voted in favour.  
Thanks were expressed for her past service and willingness to continue.
  - (b) Parish Deanery Synod Representatives and PCC representatives:  
**Deanery Synod Representatives:** These reps were voted in 2023 and this was for a 3-year term. The representatives are Denise Smith, Gill Gough, and Margaret Foreshew. (We are allowed 4 reps but only have 3)  
**PCC representatives:** 13 nomination forms have been received from the following individuals: - Jon Churchill, Ian Longbottom, Jean Wall, Janette Gardner, Belinda Piasecki, Mark Strentz, Linda Alford, Margaret Hill, John Hogan, Sarah Penfold, Catherine Crocker, Chris Terry, David Paice.

It was agreed that 12 members of the PCC would be elected with 1 co-opted member for the meantime.

Please note that subsequently Margaret Hill resigned from the PCC so there is no co-opted member.

For new PCC members a brief meeting after this meeting will take place to elect roles and subcommittee members.

6. Reports – these were all circulated prior to the meeting to all PCC members and made available to the wider congregation and parish members via the church website and paper copies were available from the Parish Office. The following comments were made: -

Teamwide activities

Paul thanked everyone for their involvement in those activities throughout the year and for putting the reports together.

Church Warden reports (deputy wardens and Parish Wardens)

Paul wished to thank all of the wardens for their efforts here, for the day-to-day stuff and the big projects like the Pod.

No other questions or queries were raised regarding any of the reports.

7. Presentation of the Accounts.

Ian Longbottom, PCC treasurer, was absent from this meeting so Rev Paul presented his report.

The Annual Report and Accounts can be found on the PCC section of the website.

Headline figures are that we have spent £15k more than we have received in the last 12 months and this cannot continue.

Receipts and expenditure were explained in more detail. Then the financial assets, we have savings but we cannot use that for day-to-day expenditure.

There has been some expenditure on major repairs and improvements.

Paul expressed thanks to Ian and David for preparing the accounts and to Debbie, Jan, and Jean for all their help too.

8. Appointment of the accounts inspector.

It was proposed that this should be Phil Beedon again. All agreed.

9. Vicar's report

A report looking back over the year was circulated prior to the meeting, however Rev Paul added to his report with comments as follows: -

One of the certainties in life is that things don't stay the same. There will always be change. And I would like to share some changes that will be happening to the ministry team here in Shirley Parish.

Rich Brooker joined us last year to complete his curacy. Many of you know that his wife, Tina, is a Methodist minister in Leamington. Rich and Tina will be physically moving to a new home in Leamington at the end of July, and he is currently looking at ministry posts in the Leamington area. It is likely he will leave us sometime in the late Summer.

The other change on the horizon is that I will be retiring at the end of August. I came to the Parish as Associate Vicar at the end of 2017 and became Vicar shortly after Peter Law Jones' retirement in 2020. Much has happened here in that time as together we came through the Covid pandemic and have grown and developed into the Church God wants us to be – a friendly church community that not only welcomes everyone but also enables them to grow in the knowledge of God and his love and purposes for them. I am sure God will continue that work in the Parish long after Kate and I leave.

But in the weeks and months ahead the parish will have to face up to these new challenges. I am pleased to say that Richard Haynes will continue to serve you as Curate in the months to come and, together with the Church Wardens and Area Dean, will ensure that you don't just keep things going but that you continue to grow and develop. And I am sure that the moments when all we can do is say "Wow" at what God is doing here will continue to happen and be shared as an encouragement to all.

There will be plenty of opportunities in the weeks to come for me to express my gratitude to all who make this place such a wonderful place to be Vicar, but meanwhile both Kate and I will hold you all in our prayers as you face this exciting future.

10. Deanery Synod Report

Provided prior to the meeting, no comments, or questions.

11. Diocesan Synod Report

Provided prior to the meeting, no comments, or questions.

12. Any Other Business

None.

13. Date of next APCM, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

Rev Rich Brooker then stood up to say thank you to Paul and Kate, on behalf of all the parish, for all their hard work.

Rev Richard Haynes then closed the meeting with the Grace.

PCC Brief Meeting following the APCM voted the following officers to the PCC: -

Ian Longbottom – PCC Treasurer

Belinda Piasecki – PCC Secretary

Next PCC meeting is on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 7:30pm Church House.