

The minutes for the Shirley Annual Parochial Meeting held on Sunday 1st May 2022, commencing at 12.00pm

Present: Susan Guy, Andrew Guy, Janet Wilson, Jan Gardner, Jill Abbey, Kate Crocker, Carol Samuel-Williams, Sarah Penfold, Bernard Watkins, Liz Yates, Linda Alford, Jean Wall, Yvonne Newman, Mark Strenz, Gwen Albrow, Colin Baugh, Yvonne Baugh, Ian Longbottom, Myra Taylor, Lynda Mcpherson, Mary Appleby, Anne Clayton, Pat Powell, Chris Eggleton, Denis Smith, Gill Gough, Gill Hanton, Ray Speakman, Chris Speakman, Glenys Golightly, Doug Golightly, David Paice, Gill Harniess, Ken Harniess, Kate Day, Rev Paul Day, Belinda Piasecki.

Vestry Meeting.

Election of Parish Warden(s)

Nomination forms were received for Gill Hanton who was proposed as Parish Warden by Linda Alford and seconded by Jean Wall, and Margaret Foreshew who was proposed as Parish Warden by Kate Day and seconded by Belinda Piasecki.

All voted in favour.

This was immediately followed by the APCM.

The meeting was opened with a prayer led by Rev Paul.

1. Apologies were received from Chris Terry, Wendy Carter, Christine Beeston, Rachel Kavanagh, Linda Pitt.
2. There were no additional items for AOB.
3. The minutes of the APCM for 2021.
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.
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.
 - (b) Parish Deanery Synod Representatives and PCC representatives:
Deanery Synod Representatives: Gill Gough, Kate Crocker and Margaret Foreshew. No election this year as the position is held for 3 years once elected.
St James: Nomination forms received for: - David Paice, Belinda Piasecki, Linda Pitt, Ian Longbottom Sue Guy was nominated at the meeting by Kate Day and seconded by Gill Gough. (One of these nominees will be co-opted)
Christ the King: Nomination forms received for: - Jan Gardner, Anne Clayton, Denise Smith.
St John's: Nomination forms received for: - Linda Alford, Kate Day, Jean Wall was nominated at the meeting by Linda Alford and seconded by Denise Smith.
Reader Rep: Sarah Penfold, nominated by Doug Golightly and seconded by Gill Gough.
6. Reports – these were all circulated prior to the meeting to all PCC members and also made available to the wider congregation and parish members via the church website and paper copies were available from the Parish Office. There were no questions raised regarding any of these reports.

7. Presentation of the Accounts.

David Paice presented the accounts. He talked us through the accounts he had prepared, which had been audited by the independent accounts examiner for the year ended 31 December 2021.

David thanked everyone involved with the accounts process and advised that Ian Longbottom will be taking over as the PCC Treasurer.

The accounts have already been adopted by the PCC, but they also need to be adopted at the APCM so as there were no questions raised, it was proposed from the chair that the 2021 accounts are adopted, all agreed.

Kate Day proposed a vote of thanks to David for all the work he has put into being the PCC Treasurer over the years. Everyone gave David a round of applause.

8. Appointment of the accounts inspector.

It was proposed from the chair that the volunteer independent examiner should be appointed as Phil Beedon again. This was agreed by all.

9. Clergy reports

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

What might lie ahead now?

Lots of things that can't be done without you! A shared journey we travel together, so what's in store?

Church of England has five marks of mission: -

Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform, Treasure.

Paul elaborated on these and explained how we fulfil these and how well we seem to be doing, but there are challenges ahead.

Growth in our Faith – More leaders, we all need to lead ourselves and be more confident

Children and Families – Messy Church and JimmyTots is thriving, there were 8 or more children in church on Easter Sunday. Requests for baptisms have increased, but there is very little resources/teaching need to think about leading these groups, helping Messy Church families grow in faith too. There are challenges with the schools in Parish – there are 16! We have very good links with 3 or 4 of these. Baptism follow ups need to be looked at and we are looking at raising funds to have a families missioner in the parish.

Three Churches One Parish – much more united and working together, people like to worship in different ways and we have a broad variety of methods of worship, the challenge is how we all work together in the future. Vital for this parish to have presence in areas across the parish.

Meeting the needs of the wider community – how can we have a greener lifestyle and not harm the environment. Be welcoming to newcomers, and getting involved with the wider community.

Buildings – these need to be looked after and used in the best way possible. The Church Clock is to be repaired, by means of a grant. The screen and audio-visual equipment now in church, and the refurbishment of Church House will also take place over the coming year. We are also proposing to have a toilet and kitchen facilities in the church. Any funds we receive will be spent wisely.

Rev Paul also indicated that the voting procedure for PCC members which was put in place in 2017 was now not really working. This was that the PCC should be composed of 12 members, 4 from each church, and up to 2 co-options. As it is we have vacancies as a couple of churches are struggling to find anyone willing to stand. Therefore, it was opened for discussion that the PCC

should consist of 12 elected members from the congregations across the parish. The 2 co-options will be used to ensure the PCC fully represents the different congregations. No one commented regarding this and it was proposed from the chair that this will take effect for next years APCM. Majority voted in favour of this - no one voted against.

10. AOB

No items

11. Date of next APCM, Sunday 7th May 2022 at St James' after the Sunday morning service at 12 noon.

Rev Paul closed the meeting with the collect from this morning's service.

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

Ian Longbottom – PCC Treasurer

Belinda Piasecki – PCC Secretary

Deputy Wardens to continue

Standing Committee members – Clergy, Deputy Wardens, Parish Wardens, Secretary and Treasurer.

Next meetings – Standing Committee 31st May, PCC 23rd June.