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The Parish of St Nicholas and All Saints with St Helen

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting
Monday 3rd April 2017, 7.45pm, St Helen's**

MINUTES

Welcome and introduction

Rich opened the meeting with a welcome, particularly to those at their APCM. He followed this with an explanation of the APCM, highlighting the appropriate paperwork and documentation.

Opening worship and prayer

Fraser Oates led us in a time of corporate sung worship and the meeting then began in prayer.

1. Annual Meeting of Parishioners

- (i) *Approval of the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of Parishioners on Monday 3rd April 2017*

An amendment was suggested for Point 4.

Proposed: Robin Parry
Seconded: Tim Marlow
Approval: Majority

- (ii) *Election of Church Wardens*

Rich expressed to the two Church Wardens for their service to the church over the last year and gave them gifts of thanks on behalf of the church.

Rich then explained that for Paul Wilcox to be able to stand again for election as a Church Warden, having already served 6 years in the role, the APCM would need to approve him doing so. A majority of those present, by a show of hands, approved this proposal.

Rich then introduced the two candidates for Church Warden; Paul Wilcox and Rich Colthurst, who were both duly elected. Rich led a short time of prayer for them both.

2. Annual Parochial Church Meeting

(i) *Apologies for absence – see Appendix A*

(ii) *Approval of the Minutes of the APCM held on Monday 3rd April 2017.*

Proposal: Emma Pettifer

Seconded: Rhianne O'Rourke

Abstentions: 26

Approval: All

(iii) *Matters arising from the Minutes*

None raised.

(iv) *Receipt of Annual Report and Accounts 2016 and Annual Review 2016*

Rich formally noted receipt of the Annual Review for 2016 and encouraged everyone to read the varied and encouraging ministry reports.

a. *Electoral Roll Report*

Rich explained that following the roll revision, the total currently on the electoral roll was 178 people.

b. *Treasurer's Report*

Grahame Lucas (Church Treasurer) gave a thank you to everyone who gives generously and has responded prayerfully to teaching on giving with the mission of the church in view. He highlighted that the church was blessed and had done an amazing job over the previously year. He thanked those responsible for auditing the church accounts and particularly Barbara Penney for her help in the office each week. He then thanked those that are on team during Sunday services for collecting the offerings and for the way the church works as a team.

Grahame then explained how the PCC seeks to plan church finances and steward them responsibly. He invited people to come and discuss in person any concerns or interest in the detail of the church finances.

He then gave a short talk noting an increase in giving and predicted income. Grahame stated the general fund deficit now stood at just £8k, that CAP is running at a deficit and that Foodbank has reduced reserves due to premises but is in surplus.

Grahame then briefly talked through the aspirational budget set by the PCC. He highlighted the upcoming expenditure on essential building work, a desire to clear the deficit and create a reserve. The need to update and spend on IT to replace failing hardware was explained. A small increase of 6.5% towards Parish Share was also explained.

Rich then gave a chance for questions (none received). Rich then thanked Grahame for all his hard work and gave a small gift on behalf of the church.

(v) *Decisions relating to representation on the PCC*

Rich explained that because the electoral roll was under 200 there was no need to review the size of the PCC.

(vi) *Elections of lay representatives to the PCC*

Rich explained that four people had completed their term of service on PCC (Jean George, Andrea Burton, Tim Clack, Joanna Harper), that Peter Belham had resigned before the end of his term and that Sarah Bardell and Robin Parry had finished their three-year terms as Deanery Synod representatives.

All were thanked by those present.

a. *Election of PCC representatives*

Rich explained the process of election, noting that there were four new places and one "casual vacancy" of one year (created by the resignation of Peter Belham) and five candidates standing for election. Rich explained that the person who received the least votes would be allocated the one-year casual vacancy post.

Those standing for election were Jean George, Alan Penney, Nat Colthurst, Sam Greenstreet and Andrea Burton. Following counting of the votes, Jean George was given the one year casual vacancy role.

b. *Election of Deanery Synod representatives*

Rich explained the role of a Deanery Synod representative and that Tim Clack and Fraser Oates had stood for election.

Given the uncontested election, a show of hands of those in favour of their election was taken. Tim Clack and Fraser Oates and were duly elected as Deanery Synod representatives for a three-year term.

Rich then led those present in prayer for those newly elected to the PCC.

- (vii) *David Hibbert to be appointed as Independent Examiner for the year to December 2017*

It was explained that each year the APCM has to formally agree a proposal to appoint someone to serve as our Independent Examiner for the finances.

Proposed: Robin Parry
Seconded: Mark Carrington
Approval: All

- (viii) *Any questions about church matters.*

Rich noted no questions had been received in advance. He invited questions from the floor. None were asked.

- (ix) *Vicar's Report*

Rich gave a huge thank you to the whole church family and highlighted that he wouldn't wish to be anywhere else. He praised the way that the church is committed to the mission of the Kingdom and how it supports and encourages each other. He then explained in more detail the proposed diocesan strategy for creating two "resourcing churches" – one at All Saints and one elsewhere in the diocese.

3. Closing Prayer

The meeting closed in prayer.

APPENDIX A

An apology – we are still trying to locate the attendance register from the APCM on 3rd April 2017, which following the move of church office, is proving hard to do!

APPENDIX B

Additional note on the result of the PCC member elections

Following the votes cast on Monday 3rd April 2017, the PCC positions were allocated as follows:

Andrea Burton – to serve until APCM 2020

Alan Penney – to serve until APCM 2020

Sam Greenstreet – to serve until APCM 2020

Nat Colthurst – to serve until APCM 2020

Jean George – to serve until APCM 2018

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