



Minutes of the Annual Parishioners' Meeting
11.32am Sunday 25th October 2020
virtual meeting via Zoom.

Present

Chairman: Rev. Dr. Steve Torr
17 church members

Apologies

Christine Greeve, Paul Otter, Nicky Banlin.

- 1) Opening prayers led by Rev. Dr. Steve Torr.
- 2) Appointment of clerk.
David Young (prop Kathryn Dean, Sec Colin Keiley; AIF).
- 3) Apologies for Absence
As above.
- 4) Minutes of previous meeting
These had been previously circulated. They were agreed (prop Bekki Ford; sec Kathryn Dean; AIF).
- 5) Election of Church Wardens
Steve Torr held up the nomination forms to the camera, and said that Bekki Ford was proposed by Holly Torr and seconded by Carole Lewis; Kathryn Dean was proposed by Nicky Gascoyne and seconded by Christine Greeve. There were no other nominations, and they were declared elected.

The meeting concluded at 11.38am.

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- 1) Apologies - included in previous meeting.
- 2) Minutes of previous meeting.
Agreed (prop Kathryn Dean; sec Bekki Ford; AIF).
- 3) Matters arising
7. Chris Inch was asked to examine the accounts for 2019 and has done so.
- 4) Annual Reports
(The published Annual Report is attached to these minutes and forms part of them; all the following verbal reports are covered by that publication).
 - i) Electoral Roll.
Two names have been removed from the list, making a new roll of 43
 - ii) Finance Report.
Steve Torr reminded the meeting that at the end of 2018 it appeared that we had a balance of £4,735, but this included our tithe giving which had remained unpaid until early in 2019 - implying that we ended the 2018 with a practical loss of £303. The opposite appeared the case for 2019 where the report shows we ended the year with a deficit of £3,925 but this was in fact just the paying of those outstanding tithe donations and the 'true' picture was that we again ended up with a slight loss of around £300.
There was a slight drop in overall giving, but planned giving was in fact up; the decrease being entirely in 'casual' cash gifts. Income was up considerably due to the rental income from Slimming World. There is nothing significant to report, and (page 11 shows that) total funds are down £4,000 on the year. We are just about managing to hold our own.

Jane Slater asked if the tithe donations could be agreed earlier in the year so that the cheques could be cleared before the year end to avoid the situation as above. Steve Torr said that this had been the aim in 2020 but this had not been achieved; we'll aim for it again in 2021.

Steve thanked Jane Slater for her work as treasurer during the past year.

iii) Wardens' Report.

Kathryn Dean endorsed their written report and thanked everyone who takes a part in the running of the church.

Steve Torr was deeply appreciative of the wardens' hard work.

iv) Safeguarding.

Steve Torr read the new Parish Policy on safeguarding which had been agreed by the PCC in its 21st September 2020 meeting – a copy is in the annual report. He said that Christine Greeve had taken over as safeguarding officer from him on 16th March 2020.

v) Deanery Synod.

As per Annual Report

5) Election of PCC and deanery synod members

Nicky Banlin was proposed by Bekki Ford and seconded by Carole Lewis. Paul Otter was proposed by Christine Greeve and seconded by Holly Torr. There were no other nominations and both were declared elected.

There were no nominations for the two deanery synod posts, which were left vacant.

6) Appointment of Sidesmen

Steve Torr thanked all those who had served to welcome everyone into church services. Sixteen people on the list were willing to stand, including some new ones, and were duly appointed:

Bekki Ford	Sarah Young	Lorraine Geraghty
Lisa Darlington	Kathryn Dean	Joyce Dippnall
Sandra Dudley	Mary Hill	Mark Slater
Britt Keiley	Nicki Gascoigne	Ann-Marie Tynon
Jane Slater	Pauline Sant	Carole Lewis
Paul Otter		

7) Appointment of independent examiner

Steve Torr hopes that Chris Inch, who examined our accounts for 2019, will be happy to do the same again for 2020. Jane Slater will ask him.

8) Vicar's comments

The priest-in-charge said that he had written his report in March, reflecting on 2019, but that this didn't now seem relevant so he rewrote it. He had noted a refining in the church during 2019 and was reminded of the parable of the vine – with people being grafted in or pruned out. He reflected on the Covid pandemic and the changes seen in the last seven months, specifically that 'everything' that was happening in 2019 has now stopped (albeit temporarily).

Steve thanked everyone for their contributions to church life.

9) A.O.B.

Bekki Ford said how important was the 'Zoom' coffee time on Sunday mornings, even if there were very few people logging on, and that we need to plan to continue it.

Holly Torr asked what roles God is calling people to at this present time.

Carole Lewis had e-mailed Steve Torr last night and wanted to follow up on her suggestion regarding discipling/training courses. She wondered if these could be held during the present crisis in the church building under the title of worship so it would be within the legal guidelines.

Colin Keiley asked if the Chalice Assistant's permission was up to date (even though none is allowed to assist at the present time). After some discussion, the secretary informed the meeting that the PCC last approved the permission on 18th November 2019.

10) The meeting closed with prayer at 12.40pm.