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# Minutes of Parish Meetings held on Wednesday 24th May 2023 at 20:00 in Church

## **Parish Meeting for the Election of Church Wardens**

1. Welcome & Prayer: The Vicar, Rev Dave Johnston, welcomed those present.

We began the meeting by singing the hymn: 'Be Thou my vision...' Dave opened in prayer and gave some thoughts on verses from Hebrews 12. This passage encapsulates the Gospel, demonstrating the church at its best: a prayerful and supportive group of people reaching out to others. Jesus Christ is the author and perfector of our faith and we need to respond by throwing off things that are unhelpful (sins, anxiety, loss, depression etc). Church is a coming together of fellow believers in a safe place.

- 2. Minutes: of the zoom meeting held on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022 were agreed and signed by Dave.
- **3. Election of Wardens:** Two nominations for Churchwardens had been received, and were approved.

Phil Wearon Proposer: Ed Ward

Seconder: Sue Gilder

Sara Cunningham Proposer: Catherine Humphries

Seconder: Catherine Ibrahim

Dave thanked the re-elected Churchwardens for their previous year's service. Dave also thanked those standing down from the PCC: Barbara Huntley and Paul Endersby (sabbatical), and those who had served on Deanery Synod for the previous three years: Sue Gilder, David Jai-Persad, Cath Johnston and Angela Scott.

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# MINUTES of the ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING held on 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 20:15 The reports and papers had been circulated on line previous to the meeting, with a few printed copies

## 1 Present & apologies:

- 1.i 24 people were counted to be present.
- 1.ii 14 people sent in their apologies

## 2 Minutes of the meetings held on 21 October 2020

These were approved and signed as a correct record by Dave

#### 3 Election to the PCC

Three nominations were received prior to the ACPM and there were no further nominations during the meeting. Therefore, no ballot was necessary, and the following were elected unopposed to the PCC:

Helen Endersby Proposer: Sue Gilder

Seconder: Angela Scott

Emmanuel Opoku Gyekye Proposer: Phil Wearon

Seconder: Christine Skipper

Howard Fryer Proposer: Ed Ward

Seconder: Sue Gilder

## 4. Elections to Deanery Synod

Sue Gilder Proposer: Angela Scott

Seconder: Andrea Carter

Cath Johnston Proposer: Sheila Durham

Seconder: Margaret Peerless

Angela Scott Proposer: Andrea Carter

Seconder: Sue Gilder

#### 5. Report on the electoral roll

Angela Scott reported that there are 220 people on the electoral roll, two more than in 2022: 6 names have been deleted and 8 names have been added. Angela reminded the meeting that the roll will be revised in 2025.

## 6. Report on the proceedings of the PCC

This was a written report in the annual report. There were two questions resulting from the previously circulated report regarding the legal situation connected to a previous staff member, mentioned in the minutes of last year's meeting:

#### i. Is a statement going to be made about the closure of the situation?

Reply: There are strict legal constraints imposed, but what we can say is that the legal matter related to a previous staff member has now been resolved, with both parties satisfied with the result.

#### ii. Are there any contingent liabilities known to the PCC for 2022?

Reply: The timing, scope and outcome of resolutions to any ongoing matters for which a contingent liability might be created within the 2022 accounts were uncertain to the PCC during the year in question. Accordingly it was not felt appropriate to contingent liabilities to be made in the 2022 accounts.

# **6** Treasurer's report (Examined Accounts)

This was a written report contained within the year end accounts for 2022. Dave thanked the treasurer, Gina Ikonomu, and proposed that it was accepted and this was agreed. Dave also thanked Catherine Ibrahim (Finance Assistant), and Neil Chadwick (Gift Aid and Tax recovery).

#### 7 Appointment of independent examiner for the incoming year

Dave confirmed that Christian Mole is willing to continue as Independent Examiner. Dave asked for approval for his appointment for another year and this was agreed.

# 8 Safeguarding

This was a written report within the annual report. Dave thanked Rachel Dixon: the Parish Safeguarding Officer and Cath Johnston who wrote the report on behalf of the Safeguarding team.

## 9. Report on the fabric, goods and ornaments of the church (Wardens' report)

This is a written report within the annual report. Dave thanked Phil Wearon and Sara Cunningham for their support and practical help.

#### 10. Report on the proceedings of the Deanery Synod

This is a written report within the annual report.

#### 11 Incumbent's report

Dave Johnston (Vicar) read his report, which is written within the annual report. He thanked many people including the Wardens, Readers, LLM's and others who lead and preach. For the music leaders and AV team, to the families & children's minister and to the support of his wife.

#### 13 Closing worship

To c	lose we sang the hy	mn 'The Servant King	', and Dave Johnston cl	losed in prayer at 20:45
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